Ancient county maps under hammer

Cuttlestones antique maps and books expert Rosie Blackburn with the maps going under the hammer

A COLLECTION of more than 50 historic maps of Staffordshire that chart the county's evolution over a 300-year period is to go under the hammer in Penkridge.

The maps – all part of a single, private collection – date from between 1577 and 1880 and chart how the county border has evolved from taking in parts of Worcestershire and Wolverhampton. The oldest is an example of the very first printed map of Staffordshire and is expected to fetch £1,000. The entire collection goes up for auction at Cuttlestones on Friday, June 6.

Antique maps and books expert Rosie Blackburn said: "These maps are a delight for anyone with an interest in either local history or historic cartography. This collection is particularly interesting not only because it covers our local area, but that it includes an example of the first map ever to be printed of Staffordshire.

Highlights include a 1577 map of Staffordshire by Christopher Saxton. Another interesting lot is a map from the 'Anonymous' series of just 12 county maps that are now attributed to one William Smith (1550-1618). These maps were engraved in the Netherlands and printed in London.

The full catalogue will be available online at www.cuttlestones.co.uk from Friday, May 30 and viewing will take place the day prior to and on the morning of the sale.

Homes sites considered

NEW sites for more than 1,000 homes to be built in South Staffordshire will be weighed up by planning chiefs.

Currently nine village have been identified to take the lion's share of 1,100 homes needed in the district over the next 15 years.

They would mostly be built in Bilbrook, Brewood, Cheslyn Hay, Codsall, Great Wyrley, Kinver, Penkridge, Perton and Wombourne. Planning chief Councillor Bob McCardle says the new locations have been recommended to the authority.

"This is all about providing the right homes in the right places at the right time," he said.

Average

Councillor McCardle said the prices of homes in South Staffordshire could force people to live elsewhere. He added: "House prices in the district are way above the national and regional average and we run the risk of forcing local people out of the area because there simply aren't enough homes.

"We are 100 per cent committed to preserving the Green Belt, and the majority of people we have spoken to seem to appreciate this fact but also realise that we need some new development."

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Rare birds protected at quarry site

A SUCCESSFUL operation to protect rare birds of prey at a South Staffordshire quarry site is set to run for a second consecutive year.

Peregrine falcons flock to Saredon Quarry, Shareshill, each spring to nest, lay eggs and raise young chicks.

But the endangered birds have fallen victim to egg thieves in recent years, with police also receiving reports of nests being deliberately damaged. Last year police officers – including a specially trained wildlife crime officer – joined forces with the quarry manager, the RSPB and crime fighting firm Smartwater to set up protection around the site.

The scheme is set to run again this year, with CCTV cameras installed in a bid to deter anyone considering interfering with nests or targeting the adult birds. Motion sensors have also been fitted around the site, while police will maintain an increased presence in the area.

Inspector Geoff Knight, South Staffordshire Local Policing Team Commander, said: "Once again we have been able to install cameras.

"They act as a deterrent and would also provide us with evidence if someone did try to sabotage the nests. Sadly in the past we have received reports of nest interference.

"We are determined to ensure the falcons can successfully raise their young and we will continue to do everything within our power to allow them to do so."

Insp Knight said anyone entering the site illegally would run the risk of being showered in forensic marking fluid.

Convenience store raiders behind bars

THEY were a series of 'blood chilling' dawn robberies carried out by a professional band of criminals.

During their eight-week campaign of terror they raided seven convenience stores – including one in Penkridge – which saw staff threatened, tied up and even beaten as they made off with a haul of cash, cigarettes and scratch cards worth £84,000.

Now Graham Aulton, 33, of High Street, Wednesfield, Stewart Ferguson 35, of Talbot Lane, Bilston, Alan Britton, 40, of Duke Street, Wolverhampton, and Craig Osmund-Smith, 41, of Valley Road, Dudley, are serving time behind bars after being given hefty prison sentences.

Masked and bearing weapons they sprung on vulnerable shop workers as they opened up during the early hours across the Black country, Staffordshire and Shropshire.

The seven stores hit were Tesco Express in Codsall; Tesco Express in Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton; Spar in Wombourne; the Co-op in Penkridge; Sainsbury's Local in Gornal; One Stop in Ashmore Park, Wolverhampton; and Spar in Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury.

Police arrested Osmund-Smith, Aulton, and Ferguson on November 5 last year as the trio arrived at the Sainsbury's Local in Wordsley in a BMW at 5am.

Crashed

Aulton, in the driver's seat, tried to speed off but crashed into an unmarked police car.

Stafford Crown Court heard in the first attack in Codsall on September 9, threats were made to workers with an axe and wrench.

The second raid at Tesco in Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton, saw two members of staff handcuffed to a metal rail as the robbers plundered the store.

The handcuffs – which originally belonged to a custody officer – that would proved to be a vital clue as they had been left in the boot of the prison worker's stolen orange Ford Focus which was later used in some of the robberies.

While the car was never recovered, its alloy wheels and tyres were found in the downstairs toilet at the home of Aulton, who was described as taking on a 'leading role' by His Honour Judge Michael Fowler.

The raid in Shrewsbury on October 16 saw a staff member kicked in the face while the robbery in Ashmore Park saw the manager's BMW stolen which three of the gang were later arrested in.

The trauma of the robbery at Spar, Windmill Bank, Wombourne, resulted in one male staff member later having a heart attack. Mobile telephone records showed the group would exchange messages in the early hours before the raids, shortly after and late at night before the attack.

Alan Britton – seven years, seven months

Craig Osmund-Smith – six years nine months

Graham Aulton – eight years nine months

Stewart Ferguson – unanimously found guilty

Aulton was jailed for eight years and nine months after admitting conspiracy to commit robbery alongside Britton who received seven years and seven months and Osmund-Smith who was sent down for six years and nine months. Ferguson denied the charge but was unanimously found guilty by a jury. He was jailed for eight years and nine months. Sentencing, Judge Fowler said: "There was intimidation by urgency. There was total disregard for the feelings and wellbeing of those who were in the stores when the robberies took place."

Detective Superintendent Paul Clews said: "The sentence is a culmination of some excellent partnership work across the West Midlands region."

Culprit in jail after cars are targeted

A CANNOCK man has been given a 36-week jail term – just weeks after he was given an eight month suspended sentence a number for thefts from motor vehicles.

Scott Mills, aged 22, of no fixed address, was sentenced by Cannock magistrates for an attempted theft from a motor vehicle from the Longford area.

Officers from Cannock arrested him on Monday, May 12 based on forensic evidence linking him to the vehicle which was on the victim's drive at the time of offence.

Refused

He admitted this offence, was charged and subsequently appeared in court the next day having being refused bail from custody.

Pc Dan Clarke, of Cannock Neighbourhood Action Team, said: "Clearly Mills had not been deterred by his suspended sentence. He had been responsible for nearly 30 crimes.

"Now he's in prison, he won't be tampering with anyone's car."

Young pupils plant poppies

PUPILS have planted 4,000 poppy seeds in a garden at school – and a service of dedication is set to be held.

Churchfields Primary wanted to mark 100 years since the start of the Great War in a special way – and chose to create a garden.

A spokesman for the Sandy Lane school said: "It is also a time of regeneration for our school so a garden felt like the right way to go."

Scaffold boards donated by a local firm were transformed into flower beds. Children helped to fill the beds with soil and then added the bedding plants before the nursery youngsters sowed the poppy seeds.

Rev Michael Newman from St Augustine's church will lead the dedication service at a later date.

Easy ramble

RAMBLERS are taking part in an easy five-mile walk over Cannock Chase on Saturday, May 31. The Chase & District Ramblers Group say the walk is ideal for beginners. Meet at the White House car park, Penkridge Bank Road for a 10am start.

MP gives welcome to jobless statistics

CANNOCK Chase MP Aidan Burley have welcomed the latest unemployment figures which show they went down in his constituency.

Statistics from the Office of National Statistics show that the number of unemployed claimants in the district in April was 1,393 – 766 lower than in April 2013 and 34 lower than in March of this year.

Nationally, the number of people out of work has fallen by 133,000 to a fresh five-year low of 2.2 million in the three months to March 2014 with the unemployment rate at 6.8 per cent.

Mr Burley said: "These latest set of figures are very welcome and show that we are heading in the right direction.

"Going forward I will continue to do all I can locally to bring more businesses and jobs to Cannock Chase and to offer better training opportunities.

"These figures clearly show we need to stick to this Government's long-term plan to fix the economy.

"That plan is getting people off benefits and into work, and delivering a more secure future for people in Cannock Chase who want to work hard and get on in life."

Line dance in aid of charity

A CHARITY line dance will raise funds in memory of a Norton Canes man who died from leukaemia aged 37.

The event, led by professional dance teacher Jenny Brown, takes place at Norton Canes Community Centre, Brownhills Road, on Saturday, May 31.

Admission is £3 on the door and proceeds from a raffle and refreshments will go to the Paul Lee-Davis Fund, providing treats and days out for young adult patients at the haematology unit at New Cross Hospital. For more information ring 07895 565668.

Service of praise

BURNTWOOD Churches United hold a joint Pentecost praise service from 7.30pm next Thursday, May 29, at Hammerwich parish church, led by Phil Stratton of St Anne's. Emmanuel Church Pastor Rod Lewis will speak on 'A Fresh Awakening'.

Former Pitmen player-boss dies aged 85

Geoff Richards pictured on his 70th birthday

TRIBUTES have been paid to former Hednesford Town player/manager Geoff Richards, who has died aged 85.

He was a winger for West Bromwich Albion early in his career, playing in three matches with the first team and becoming the youngest player – at that time – to score on his debut at the age of 17.

He went on to play for Stafford Rangers, Atherstone Town, Bilston Town and was the Pitmen's player/manager for two years.

The Bilston-born father-of-one died from pneumonia at New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton with his daughter holding his hand on Thursday, May 8. He had been unwell for two years following numerous strokes. His daughter Diane Hadlington, aged 50, said: "His life was football. He ate and slept it.

"If you gave him a hammer or a screwdriver he would cause mayhem, but if you gave him a ball he would work magic with it. He was a true sportsman throughout his life."

At West Brom, Mr Richards scored against Luton in his first team debut in December 1946.

When he was in his 20s he injured his knee playing football while carrying out national service with the RAF.

The injury forced him to retire from league football. After spells at Stafford Rangers, Atherstone Town and Bilston, he became Hednesford boss but gave up semi-professional football to look after his first wife Dinah, who had multiple sclerosis.

After she died he remarried and his second wife, Hilda, died six weeks before him.

They had both been in New Cross Hospital and had been living together in Aldergrove Manor Care Home in Penn Road, Wolverhampton for the previous 12 months.

Blow to Labour's bid to save MIU from closure

PARLIAMENTARY candidate Janos Toth has challenged the county council leader over the planned closure of Cannock Hospital's Minor Injuries Unit.

Attempts to block the plans were dealt a blow after Tory councillors gave their backing to the proposals.

Conservative members of Staffordshire County Council came out in favour of axing the service.

Mr Toth, Labour's Parliamentary Candidate for Cannock Chase is asking Philip Atkins for a full public debate. He added: "It is time Councillor Atkins came out of his ivory tower in Stafford and started to explain his cuts programme in Cannock Chase. The Chase Day Centre is to close, youth clubs are to close, libraries are under threat and children's centres are to close. Now he fails to support the Minor Injuries Unit."

Supported

The unit costs £750,000 a year to run and has been earmarked for closure to save health bosses more than £9 million.

Labour councillor George Adamson was supported by colleagues in his call to oppose the plans. But the Tory majority came out in favour – stating the unit was 'inefficient' and 'ineffective'.

Care boss councillor Mark White said the service was designed to take 20,000 patients a year but was attracting 16,414.

Of those he said 76 per cent could have been treated by a doctor or had to be sent to away to another hospital.

Council health boss councillor Robbie Marshall said: "The bottom line is that it is not cost effective."

Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group is currently holding a consultation on the closure.

Deadline for 'Star Pa' looms

SHOPPERS in Cannock are reminded they have only until this weekend to nominate their 'Star Pa'.

Closing date for entries for the latest in Cannock Shopping Centre's Star Awards is Sunday, May 25.

The winner will receive an engraved star award and a special prize courtesy of the shopping centre to coincide with Father's Day on June 15.

Shopping centre manager Natal Chapman said: "We have already received some lovely nominations and uncovered some very special dads and father figures within the Cannock community."

To make a nomination, email cannockstars@pmw-com.co.uk or post your nomination to Cannock Stars, C/o PMW Communications, Stane Court, Stane Street, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9HP with an explanation of why they deserve recognition. Entries should include both the nominator and nominee's names and addresses, contact numbers along and the age of the nominee.

Mother's walk remembers tragic son

Maison's mother Beth Amison, aged 22, her husband Martyn, 23, and their 16-week-old daughter Taymer

A YOUNG mother whose seven-month-old son died at home walked a mile in his memory to help raise funds for charity.

Maison Amison suffocated on a nappy sack in 2013.

Last Saturday, his mother Beth, aged 22, walked with friends and family from Pye Green Community Centre in Greenheath Road, Hednesford to Hednesford Park.

Mrs Amison was joined by around a dozen people, who were doing the walk for the Lullaby Trust.

They raised more than £100, adding to the £1,000 already raised for the cause by Mrs Amison since Since Maison's death.

Last year she walked with friends and relatives from her home in Lomax Road to Hednesford Park.

The tragedy happened in March last year at the family home after Mrs Amison fed Maison in the morning. Less than two hours later she found the infant on his back with a plastic nappy bag across his face. He had managed to pull it through the railings of his cot.

His father Martyn, 23, attempted to revive him with the kiss of life while Mrs Amison called the emergency services but Maison was later certified dead at Stafford Hospital.

Mr and Mrs Amison welcomed a new addition to the family when baby Taymer was born 16 weeks ago.

NEWS in brief

Motorist charged with drink driving

A 23-year-old man will appear at Cannock Magistrates Court on June 2 after being charged by police with drink driving.

The man was arrested after his blue Vauxhall Astra mounted a kerb in Rugeley Road, Burntwood and hit a lamppost.

Paramedics treated him at the scene. He suffered minor injuries.

He was arrested by police and charged with driving a motor vehicle when his alcohol levels were above the limit.

Half-term fun is sussed at centres

CHILDREN in South Staffordshire can have a fun-filled Whitsun break at local leisure centres.

A wide range of activities for children will be on offer between May 27 and 30, including go-karting, crafts, treasure hunts and sports.

The events will be run at leisure centres including Cheslyn Hay and Penkridge and prices start from £3.80 for two hours.

The leisure centres will also be offering a wide range of swim programmes. Visit www.sstaffs.gov.uk

Open day held at college campus

A COLLEGE campus is hosting an open day next week. South Staffordshire College is inviting prospective students to its Rodbaston campus on May 30 from 10am.

Courses on offer include animal care, plumbing, floristry, agriculture and horticulture.

Those who attend can take a tour of the facilities. For details call 01785 710422.

Arts and crafts to go on display

AN arts and craft exhibition is being held in Bridgtown this weekend.

Bridgtown and District Local History Society is staging the event on Saturday, May 24 at Bethel Church, Union Street.

Doors open at 10.30am. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. Some items will be available for sale.

Blood donation

DONORS can roll up their sleeves at the Memorial Hall, Rugeley Road, Burntwood next week. Call 0300 123 23 23 to make an appointment from 1.30 to 3.30pm and from 4.30 to 7.30pm on Friday, May 30.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

OUR changing language. My new jeans from M&S are, according to the label, "Relaxed through the thigh to the opening."

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DESPITE the sacking of a BBC presenter, the unexpurgated 1932 version of The Sun Has Got His Hat On can still be found online via Google. Mind you, the European Court of Justice now says Google should recognise the "right to be forgotten" and remove search results that members of the public find awkward or embarrassing. We can probably look forward to a golden age when nothing nasty can be found and online searches reveal only nice things: Gordon Brown: finest economist of his generation. Tony Blair: peace-bringer to the Middle East. Adolf Hitler: popular European politician and champion of the toothbrush moustache.

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ONE snag with the court's ruling on Google is that many of us share the same name. Thus, Google will tell you that "Peter Rhodes is a veteran BBC producer," "Peter Rhodes is a Chartered Psychologist," "Peter Rhodes is a London-based illustrator" and "Peter Rhodes is a waste of ink." Only one of these applies to me (no prizes) but am I entitled to have them all deleted?

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RICHARD Littlejohn's account of growing up in the 1950s is "Lost World," as though the land we knew 60 years ago has been accidentally mislaid. The truth is that we deliberately left it behind. Why? Because it was rubbish. No-one is forced to live a 2014 lifestyle. If you really want to recreate the magic of the 1950s, remove your central heating and double glazing, get rid of the car, swap your big TV for a nine-inch black-and-white Bush, share a loo with the people next door, have every holiday at Barmouth, get your teeth drilled without any painkillers and endure the interminable boredom of wet Sundays when absolutely nothing happens. The best that can be said about the 1950s is that they were better than the 1940s.

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WE are told that Boko Haram, the name of the Nigerian terrorist group, means "Western education is forbidden." Haram is the Arabic word for forbidden which suggests the single word Boko means "Western education." But according to a BBC language expert, the name is a short form of a longer phrase and the meaning is implied. Strangely enough, Britain has an organisation with a very puzzling name. Special Air Service sounds like a courier company. It actually means "Lots of very hard men from Hereford are coming to kick seven sorts of ** out of you." Boko Haram may soon be in for a real education.**

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RESEARCHERS in California have discovered that polar bears have evolved uniquely to live on a high-fat diet that would kill any human. This, according to one report, is why polar bears never need to diet. Another reason polar bears never need to diet is that they stand nine feet tall, have razor-sharp claws and nobody ever calls them a lardarse.

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AS he campaigns for women soldiers in the front line and sneers at the Army's "macho" image, Defence Secretary Philip Hammond should try spending a few nights on exercise or operations with a typical infantry platoon. They are the ones whose job, to seize and hold the ground, has changed little in thousands of years. In the last resort they do it with with rifle butt, fists and bayonet, so close to the enemy that they can smell his dying breath. These are warriors who kill and are killed in much the same way as King Henry's muddy, bloody warhammer-wielding band of brothers at Agincourt. Their job is so filthy, foul, demeaning and stressful that it can, and often does, send them mad. It is a terrible tragedy that in the 21st century we still need men to do such things. And only a politician utterly unaware of the reality of battle would want women to do the same.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Celebrities flood Twitter with tributes

FIGURES from the world of politics, TV, sport and music hailed Stephen Sutton a hero as thousands of tribute messages were posted on Twitter.

Simon Cowell told his nine million followers: "He was an inspiration to millions."

Cannock Chase MP Aidan Burley said: " A truly inspirational young man. RIP"

Labour leader Ed Miliband tweeted: "His bravery & determination to live life to the full was an inspiration to us all."

West Brom official twitter feed posted: "Albion are saddened to hear of the passing of Stephen Sutton, aged 19. He is an inspiration."

The Teenage Cancer Trust said: "We are humbled and hugely grateful for what Stephen achieved and continues to achieve for us."

And Stoke City FC said: "#SCFC sends sincere condolences to the family and friends of Stephen Sutton."

"Walsall FC are saddened to hear of the passing of Stephen Sutton, an inspiration to us all," said a Saddlers post.

Wolverhampton-born presenter Suzi Perry said: "His spirit and efforts should bring hope to many. @TeenageCancer god speed."

Piers Morgan described Stephen as'extraordinary, courageous and inspiring'. Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg said: "Such a brave, selfless and inspirational young man."

Wesr Midlands Police Chief Inspector Kerry Blakeman said: "We should all draw inspiration from his courage."

The Marie Curie cancer charity said: "Stephen embraced life in the face of death and inspired millions to support @TeenageCancer."

Memorial planned in Stephen's home town

By Marion Brennan

A PERMANENT memorial to inspirational Stephen Sutton is being planned in his home town – as the total raised in his honour rockets past £3.75 million, edging closer to the £4m mark.

In the minutes after the 19-year-old's death from cancer last week, around £1,000 a minute was being donated from across the globe.

Tributes have continued to flood in for the popular teenager, who passed away at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham.

Diane Evans, leader of Burntwood Town Council and chairman of governors at Stephen's school, Chase Terrace Technology College, said the idea for a memorial was still in its infancy, but added: "We hope to remember him with a permanent memorial of some kind.

Honoured

"I met him several times at the school and it was humbling to be with him.

"He has inspired the world, but especially people here in Burntwood. We will remember him with pride."

Calls have been growing on social media for him to be honoured with a Broad Street star in Birmingham – an honour previously handed to celebrities such as Ozzy Osbourne and Jasper Carrot.

In a touchingly funny message on Twitter, Stephen's elder brother Chris, aged 21, said he had been 'blessed' to grow up with him

He wrote: "I could sit here all day typing words like inspirational, proud, but frankly his life and what he achieved speaks for itself, it doesn't need a rambling eulogy from me.

"He'll still always be a bit of tw*t to me, hey he was my younger brother, it's in the contract, but I was blessed to grow up with the best little tw*t you could have. So yeah, RIP bro."

His former school are also planning to celebrate his life and achievements after discussions with his family over what is "fitting and appropriate."

Headteacher Stuart Jones described the high-flying pupil as 'academically brilliant, an excellent sportsman and a talented musician.'

He said: "He was also a caring, modest, creative young person with a great sense of fun.

"Those of us who knew him feel very privileged to have done so."

Staffordshire County Council leader Philip Atkins added: "Stephen was an ordinary boy who has left an extraordinary legacy.

"He will be remembered not just for the millions of pounds he raised but for his remarkable spirit, bravery and sheer selfless determination to help other young cancer sufferers."

It is not known yet what form a memorial might take and warned it may take years to organise.

The town is still paying for a £50,000 bronze monument to its mining heritage unveiled last June after more than a decade of planning and hard work.

"These things take time and we will need to have a conversation with his family first," said Councillor Evans.

Thoughts

Pupils were encouraged to post sticky notes expressing their thoughts about Stephen on a wall devoted to the ex-student. A book of condolence has also been opened.

Since Easter yellow ribbons have been tied to the school railings in a show of support. Now the town council and the Wych Elm pub, which held many fundraisers, have put up ribbons with shops and businesses also paying their respects.

More than 200 messages have been added to the wall, known as a 'wall of positivity and tribute' next to the library with many praising Stephen for being an inspiration.

One message said: "You are an incredible person and in your short life you have made a difference."

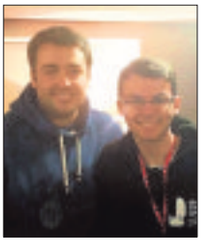
Another said: "We're so proud of you and everything you've done, you inspired thousands of people."

Julia Hayburn, the school's director of student support, said: "He had, over a long period of time, been an absolute role model for students within the school, within the community, he has had an influence that has gone nationwide.

"But I think that is because when people have met him they have been touched by something unique," she added.

Chase Terrace Technology College pupils have posted their thoughts about Stephen Sutton on a dedicated wall

Courage is lauded by comedian Manford



Jason and Stephen

WHEN Jason Manford saw Stephen Sutton's 'thumbs-up' photo on Twitter and his farewell message, he wanted to do something to help.

He urged his thousands of followers to donate to the appeal, handed over £10,000 himself and got his celebrity friends on board.

Within days he had become the campaign's unofficial spokesman and was doing interviews with TV and radio stations across the country.

A fundraising gig in Birmingham followed and while on stage he spoke to Stephen over the phone.

Now Manford has paid tribute to the 19-year-old, hailing him as 'the most inspiring person I've ever met' who 'touched more lives than he will ever know'

He met the teenager several times when organising and hosting the annual Teenage Cancer Trust comedy galas at the Royal Albert Hall.

Credit

When Stephen's condition deteriorated he visited him twice in hospital and made a personal £10,000 donation to his fundraising campaign.

After Stephen died, the comic said: "Stephen was an incredibly positive young man and a credit to his family, to Burntwood and to humanity itself."

Manford was hugely touched by the teenager's farewell 'final thumbs-up' message on Facebook last month when he thought he was about to die.

The comic appealed to his army of followers on Twitter and Facebook to help Stephen reach his fundraising target of £1m, creating an inspired 'thumbsupforstephen' campaign.

Manford broke the news that the £1m target had been reached and he has continued to help promote Stephen's Story campaign.

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Footage could be turned into film

FOOTAGE of inspirational Stephen drumming at a Champions League final and enjoying a lads holiday in Ibiza is to form a documentary about him and his fundraising.

Stephen met film director Grigorij Richters, from Films United, ahead of last year's Champions League final between Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund at Wembley.

His team were filming the opening ceremony, which Stephen was at as part of his 'bucket list' aims.

After getting to know the teenager, a crew began to film and interview Stephen before giving him the equipment to film himself.

In total more than 15 hours of film was recorded over an eight-month period and Mr Richters is now aimingto create a documentary.

Mr Richters, aged 26, originally from Germany, said Stephen's family would be involved. Creators were also planning to interview more family, friends and some of the celebrity supporters he gained.

Anyone with any footage which could be considered for the documentary is invited to send it to info@filmsunited.com

Cathedral is on standby for funeral

STEPHEN Sutton's funeral could be held at Lichfield Cathedral.

As calls grew for his funeral to be held at the historic three-spired building, cathedral, bosses said they would offer it as a venue to his family.

A cathedral spokesman said: "We want to express our deepest sympathy and offer our prayers for Stephen Sutton, his family and friends.

"Should they request it, the full resources and support of Lichfield Cathedral are available to Stephen's family, whose wishes are absolutely paramount."

Tributes have continued to pour in for Stephen, with a carpet of flowers laid outside his former school, Chase Terrace Technology College, and events being held in his memory.

A petition has been launched for a ward at Birmingham Children's Hospital to be renamed.

Stephen crowd surfs in a rubber dinghy – one of the things ticked off his bucket list

Stephen flanked by his mother Jane and Prime Minister David Cameron

Brave Stephen, the boy who inspired everyone

by Marion Brennan

HE was the boy who inspired the world with his burning desire to help others, his funny bucket list and his relentlessly positive outlook on life.

He had wanted to become a doctor.But cruelly deprived of that hope, he did the next best thing by raising a huge sum of money to fund medical research into teenage cancer for the benefit of others.

But it wasn't just his amazing fundraising campaign that captured the imagination. It was Stephen's life-enhancing attitude to his fate, his heart-warming refusal to lay down and die.

He vowed to live a little first. In fact, he lived quite a lot.

"I've decided to measure my life in terms of achievements and not by such an arbitrary thing as time," he said 15 months ago.

And so was born the teenager's now famous bucket list of 46 things to do, number one being to raise £10,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust based at Birmingham Children's Hospital where he was treated.

Poignant

He published it on his newly created blog, called Stephen's Story, which gave progress updates on the list, the fundraising and his medical status.

It was here on April 22 that he posted what he believed would be his final Facebook entry – a smiling 'thumbs up' photo and poignant farewell message from his hospital bed after a sudden deterioration in his health which caused his right lung to collapse.

He wrote: "Unfortunately I haven't got much time left, but I just want to reiterate to you all what a great time I've had.

"I don't really want to die, but hopefully my journey has influenced a lot of people for the better and taught people not to take life for granted."

Thanking family, friends and fundraisers the brave 19-year-old said: "That's it from me. But life has been good. Very good."

It sparked a worldwide fundraising drive to help him smash his latest £1m target, which went from just under £600,000 to more than £3m in days, breaking all records on the JustGiving website.

Comedian Jason Manford was one of many celebrities to get behind Stephen, along with John Bishop, Russell Brand, Steve Coogan, Alan Davies and Jack Whitehall. Other showbusiness backers included The Who frontman Roger Daltrey, Sherlock Holmes star Benedict Cumberbatch and actor and presenter Stephen Fry.

From the world of sport, double gold Olympic swimmer Rebecca Adlington and former heavyweight boxing champion David Haye posted messages of support.

Chief executive of Teenage Cancer Trust, Siobhan Dunn, said: "Stephen is the most inspiring young man and ambassador for the charity. I've had the privilege of meeting him and his positivity is always remembered by all that meet him or hear him speak."

The heart-warming groundswell of support seemed to trigger a recovery in the teenager, and he left hospital to tick off a couple more items on his bucket list – including getting into the Guinness book of Records when more than 500 people gathered to make a heart-shaped hand gesture, the most ever at the same time, at his old school.

And singer-songwriter Tim Minchin promptly wrote a song about him which allowed him to tick off No 40 on the list.

Efforts

More recently, a petition on the website at www.change.org calling for Stephen to be knighted both for his charity work and efforts to raise awareness about cancer has attracted 31,300 names.

Stephen had been a fit and healthy youngster, competing at county level in athletics and playing for Walsall FC's youth team. But there was a strong family history of cancer.

His father Andy had twice beaten bowel cancer but Stephen was not to be so lucky.

The disease spread to his knee, then his pelvis, and in November 2012, as doctors were preparing to amputate his left leg, it was discovered the cancer had moved to his groin and that it was incurable.

He ditched his studies after achieving nine GCSEs – five A* and four As, two BTecs – both distinction, an A-level in maths a year early and an AS in five subjects, including psychology, which he taught himself.

Stephen leaves mother Jane, stepfather Tony and 21-year-old brother Chris.

To continue to support Stephen's campaign, donations can be made at www.justgiving.com/stephensutton-TCT

Skydiving was another one of Stephen's 46-strong wish list

Getting his name into the Guinness Book of Records

Stephen hugs an animal bigger than himself – an elephant

Headteacher Stuart Jones looks at the tributes to Stephen

NEWS in brief

Monthly church coffee morning

A CHURCH hosts a coffee morning on Wednesday, May 7. It is at St John's Church, Slitting Mill, from 10.30am. Admission is £2. A raffle and bric-a-brac sale will also be held.

At the July 2 event, ideas will be put forward for floral displays at the church's summer tea party on July 5. Anyone wishing to provide a display can also call Jean on 01889 584866.

A barn dance takes place at the village hall, with a fish and chip supper, from 7pm on Friday, July 11.

Shared tea and a time for reflection

RUGELEY reverend Michael Newman will lead a time for reflection and prayer next weekend.

The 'Life in the Spirit' event at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Etching Hill includes a bring and share tea.

It takes place from 3 to 6.30pm on Sunday, June 1 at the Mount Road church.

Churchgoers are asked to bring along a small mirror, a cherished item that says something special about them and cakes and sandwiches for the tea.

Museum stages a mining drama

VISITORS to the Museum of Cannock Chase can listen to a radio play – or even become a member of the cast.

A Mining Drama takes place at the venue in Valley Road, Hednesford, from 11am to 4pm on Thursday, May 29.

Admission is free and there is no need to book. Call 01543 877666 or e-mail museumofcannockchase@wlct.org

Shoppers urged to name charity

SHOPPERS can help decide which charity a Cannock supermarket should support for the year ahead.

Sainsbury's customers can vote for their favourite cause between May 28 and June 8. They can vote instore or nominate online at www.sainsburys.co.uk/localcharity. The winning charity will be announced in July.

Transport talk

BOB Yate addresses Cheslyn Hay & District Local History Society next week. His talk, on local railways and trains is at 7.30pm on Thursday, May 29 at the Salem, High Street. Entry is £1, with refreshments.

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IN MY VIEW

WITH MARK ANDREWS

YOU can tell it's election time when White Dee's antics in Magaluf seems like a pleasant respite from the wall-to-wall platitudes being churned out by our political leaders.

It seems the star of Benefits Street has left her life on the sofa behind, and has found work in the Spanish resort.

Not grafting in an office or factory, you understand. Or even a few shifts serving behind a bar. But, nevertheless, it does appear Dee Kelly has found some kind of gainful employment: knocking back shots in nightclubs, judging wet T-shirt competitions, all the kind of messy, menial work that the locals wouldn't want to do. It's a tough slog, but Magaluf welcomes hard-working immigrants who go there to contribute to the economy.

"I am taking casual work," she admitted. "I won't tell you how much I am earning but it's not half as much as people think."

Incredibly, White Dee has even been tipped for a role in Celebrity Big Brother.

Not that she is quite ready to retire from the benefits lifestyle just yet. According to her agent (yes, really) it is out of the question that Miss Kelly should have her benefits stopped.

"I'm trying to get Dee fit for work," said Barry Tomes, alluding to mysterious healing powers.

"Once she does that, she will be able to earn good money."

Well people less reasonable than myself might wonder how somebody who has an agent, has released a rap record and has had sessions as a DJ in Birmingham nightclubs is not fit for some kind of regular work.

But the one question nobody has bothered to ask is whether Miss Kelly really exists.

Isn't it all a bit convenient that the latest scandal has broken in the same week as the national and European elections? And that David Cameron has taken the opportunity to come out fighting, suggesting that he would personally intervene to ensure White Dee is not claiming benefits she should not be receiving?

Call me a mad conspiracy theorist if you like, but has it ever occurred to anybody that White Dee is not a real person, but an actress working for one of the political parties to whip up as much public anger as possible?

It's the same about former Apprentice candidate Katie Hopkins, who has since carved out a media career making spiteful right-wing comments about anybody who does not fit in with her vision of society. She's got to be working for the Labour party, surely?

For all we know, there could be a whole network of undercover spin doctors secretly working in the television industry.

There probably isn't, of course. But just because you're paranoid, it doesn't mean they aren't out to get you.

An embroidered postcard from the First World War

Some of the postcards on display the regiment museum

A festive message embroidered onto a postcard

Postcards from the Western Front

These wartime postcards did not carry a 'Wish you Were Here' message, writes **MARION BRENNAN**

THESE days they are associated with blue skies, white beaches and 'wish you were here' messages.

However postcards reached the height of their popularity at the time of the First World War when they were sent from the body-strewn battlefields of the Western Front.

The silk embroidered cards were made by French and Belgian women to sell as souvenirs to the thousands of soldiers landing on their shores from across the Channel. A unique war-time industry was instantly created.

The strips of silk organza were originally hand-embroidered by women and girls in their homes or at refugee camps but as demand increased, production was moved to Parisian factories.

Batches of embroidered strips were sent for cutting and mounting on to postcards, which were made available to buy for a few francs each.

Jeff Elson with postcard and a tank made by Armourer SGT A.E Cook from shells

Anxious

The postcards were hugely popular with British and American soldiers who bought them as mementos to send home to loved ones. It is estimated that some 10 million silk embroidered postcards were made.

Some of those posted to anxious families in the Midlands can now be found in the archives of the Staffordshire Regimental Museum in Whittington, near Lichfield.

Chief archivist Jeff Elson, of Rugeley, described them as 'cherished reminders' of absent loved ones, many of whom did not survive, given pride of place on mantelpieces and dressers.

The highly decorative cards would have made a significant dent in the pockets of the servicemen, who were paid just a shilling a day for their labours.

Mr Elson said: "One card would probably have taken two days' pay or more, depending on how elaborate it was, but the soldiers had little else to spend their money on. This was really big business - this is where postcards took off."

The handwritten messages inside were nearly always in pencil because ink was in short supply and was not practical in the often wet and sodden conditions on the Western Front. Images found on the front of the cards include; forget-me-nots and pansies, bluebirds, patriotic messages and symbols such as the flags of the allies, regimental crests and badges.

Greetings were beautifully stitched in brightly coloured threads on the fronts.

The vivid, picturesque cards would have been sent home giving no indication of what the soldiers were experiencing, sparing mothers and wives from the true horrors of war.

Mr Elson, aged 59, a retired Cannock police officer, said: "The messages were not hugely emotional. You find the soldiers often called their wives 'mother'.

"As well as commercial purposes, the cards were also used as propaganda. Some had pictures of dead Germans inside but you would never see a picture of our lads injured."

Relatives back home sometimes received postcards featuring the statements 'I am well' and 'I am wounded' with the appropriate box ticked.

Back home, the silk embroidered cards were also proving popular. A typical British card would depict a woman sitting at a writing desk with a picture of France in a thought bubble over her head.

A different sort of postcard was also emerging. Cannock Chase was the location for two large camps, at Brocton and Rugeley, which together were capable of holding up to 40,000 men.

Troops

The men would visit local photographer's studios to have the pictures taken and these would then be made into postcards to be mailed to wives and girlfriends before the troops were shipped out to France.

The most sought-after and valuable cards today are those that are relatively clean with brightly coloured silks, or display unusual or unique images.

Mr Elson, who served in the Staffordshire Regiment for six years, is one of a handful of volunteers at the Staffordshire Regimental Museum's archive, says there has been a big increase in their work since the start of this year, which marks the 100th anniversary of the start of the Great War.

He said: "The post was comforting, for those in the trenches and those waiting at home. It meant you hadn't been forgotten. The new postcards that were being produced were easy ways to keep in touch requiring just a quick note and a signature.

"The sentimental covers said it all."

POLITICS

WITH DANIEL WAINWRIGHT

I'M a little worried some people might fall into the trap of thinking that today's vote will make a scrap of difference when it comes to Britain being in or out of the European Union. It won't.

Only the Parliament in Westminster can give us a referendum. Whether you vote Ukip or anyone else today will not amount to a hill of beans on that burning issue.

The debate in recent weeks has turned towards being in or out of the EU. There's enormous concern over just how many of our laws originate in Brussels and whether or not our borders are really ours to control.

What doesn't get picked up on as much is it was the former Labour government that decided to open the borders to Eastern Europeans in 2004 while the Germans and French prevented them from working in their countries until 2011.

That was something that happened in London, not Brussels. It might have started on the continent, but it was our own MPs who chose to enact it.

It would also be easy to find the rest of the debates in the European Parliament about as dull as a Eurovision song contest without the dancing milkmaids.

Some of the subjects MEPs tackle on a daily basis are not exactly going to be the ones that people are talking about over the dinner table.

Websites

Press releases issued by some serving West Midlands MEPs recently have included one who was pleased travel websites have to now give information on how to complain and another who won an award in recognition of his work to ensure exhaust pipes were checked for air pollution.... Yawn.

The EU and its Parliament affects people's lives in many ways. One of the things it enforced was the need for websites to flash up messages asking if people are prepared to accept 'cookies' - those little bits of data sent from a site to the user's browser that lets the site 'remember' them.

Nikki Sinclaire, the former Ukip member who founded her own group called We Demand A Referendum Now used her position to gather more than 100,000 signatures on a petition calling for just that.

But it was the UK Parliament that ended up acting on that petition, debating the matter and then throwing it out.

The people we're choosing to represent us as MEPs can deal with the continent-wide issues on immigration, jobs, investment and the environment. They are not the ones that are going to get us out of or keep us in the union.

That's one for the General Election. You have at least another year of this row to listen to.

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A sea of pink as loved ones are remembered

THOUSANDS of women donned pink wigs, tutus and feather boas to help play their part for charity.

Temperatures soared to up to 22C (72F) as more than 2,500 women transformed Walsall Arboretum into a sea of pink for this year's Race for Life.

They either walked, jogged or ran the 5km route in aid of Cancer Research UK. It is believed that Sunday's event will bring in around £130,000.

Emotions ran high as hundreds of women wore placards on their backs dedicated to loved ones who have battled with cancer.

Lesley Scott was running in memory of her mother who lost her battle with cancer on March 10.

Claire Scott, aged 11, from Cannock, wirh Angel Sheppard, 17, from Walsall

Rallied

The 45-year-old from Cannock said: "I am here with 10 of my closest friends and family and we have called ourselves Irene's Pink Ladies because we are running for my mum.

"She only died a couple of months ago and it has been really difficult so everyone has rallied round and we have raised £2,000 in her memory.

"My 11-year-old daughter Claire has got stuck in. None of us has ever done it before so we have made a big effort."

The crowds enjoyed a warm-up session with fitness experts and DJs from Heart FM and enjoyed a rendition of We Are the Champions, which was performed by the Second Chance Choir, before setting off around the park.

Andrea Howells, aged 28, was running with her four-year-old rough collie dog called Robin. The mother-of-two said the event had been close to her heart ever since the death of her mother in 2010. She added: "I know she would be really proud of me running today."

Dressed in a tutu and fluorescent legwarmers, dog groomer Maxine Boulton from Brownhills raised £150, while Samantha Smith, aged 16 from Shelfield brought along her boyfriend Liam for moral support as she ran in memory of her grandmother, alongside Kieron's mother Michelle Davies, 43, and friend Jennifer Whiting, 14.

Organiser Tracey Duffy said: "It was wonderful to see so many take part and bring along support from their partners, children and parents."

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Name will be put up on statue

I WAS sad to hear that Stephen Sutton had passed away.

May I assure people that his name will be put on the statue at Sankeys Corner in the near future?

Names have been collected for a plaque since last June's unveiling, as people missed out for the original one.

It is unlikely that a further plaque will made after the planned one, due to time and commitments.

May I remind readers that any name can be added –not just miners? It costs £20 per name to be added to the stainless steel plaque.

Tributes must go to the local people, mainly schoolfriends who started the fundraising off, when the goal was £100,000 – £4 million was just a pipe dream back then. Bless everyone who helped raise such an amazing amount.

RON BRADBURY
Ex-chairman
Sankeys Corner
Arts Mining Project

Blue badge call on carers' parking

I WOULD be very much obliged if someone from the local authority can explain to me, why, repairing and servicing 'telephone junction boxes' is more important than the care and welfare of sick and elderly people?

We live near a school and suffer problems with indiscriminate parking on footpaths, driveways and other restricted areas by inconsiderate parents.

That said, I do have some sympathy with them, as authorised parking facilities are non-existent within the vicinity. Strangely however, it is noticeable, that parking wardens are conspicuous by their absence around the time of the school run but will suddenly materialise around mid-morning issuing parking summonses to the odd individual guilty of an indiscretion at that time.

Furthermore, it appears, that telephone engineers and other utility vehicle drivers are exempt from prosecution and can park anywhere while nurses and care workers who provide essential services are not. Is this justifiable? One carer has recently been issued with a ticket while parking at the top of my driveway obstructing no one – as they have done for the last 30 years without a problem until recently.

Why, can't nurses and care workers who provide essential services to vulnerable people also be classed as exemptions and be provided with some kind of "Blue Badge" system in order to enable them to park in close proximity to their clients?

A KYTE, Great Wyrley

Majority of stalls already on offer

AS traders on Cannock indoor market, we feel the need to reply to the letter in The Chronicle (May 15) regarding the outdoor market in the town on Fridays, and put forward the views from a trader's perspective.

None of the traders were originally opposed to an outdoor market as we were told at the outset that it would be a craft market which would have complemented our own market.

However the traders' opposition has come about because the majority of the stalls duplicate the goods already on offer in the indoor market which has affected trade. This has already resulted in one colleague ceasing to trade.

All of us living and working in the Cannock area would love to see new businesses coming to Cannock to boost the town but not at the expense of existing trade.

MARK AND BARBARA CYSTER
Aromaz coffee

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Power station eyesore

REGARDING the photo and comments about the wind turbine near Rugeley being a eyesore, I suggest the gentleman in question takes a look in the background.

We in Rugeley have had to put up with the eyesore of the Power Station since 1960 and the noise and smoke and dust from this turbine is nowhere near the eyesore we have put up with – and it doesn't damage the environment. I believe more wind turbines should be erected.

D PERRIN, Rugeley

Grandmother deserved much better treatment

I COULDN'T help but notice that on the front page of the Cannock Chronicle (May 15), that along with the courageous Stephen Sutton was an article on cuts planned in day centres for the elderly.

It is shocking that this group of people – who if we are lucky have a chance of becoming, (elderly that is) are treated in such a way. These are our relatives, our neighbours and friends.

But just as shocking was a comment from Burntwood North Country Councillor Sue Woodward "I have been concerned about the remaining service users and where they will go."

For a start "service users", please. But most of all, I can assure you that Sue Woodward was certainly not concerned when she had a large role in closing Langbourn care home for the elderly in 2007.

My grandmother died in that home in an absolute state of panic in February 2007 over where she was to live in the future. She was in her mid 90s, suffering from dementia, but was still the most gentle kind lady you ever met, whose husband fought in the Second World War. She deserved better than the treatment she received.

If Sue Woodward is more than "concerned", then let her show it, but to me, her concern goes no further than public opinion.

MRS KERRY NICHOLLS
Huntington

Stephen proved an inspiration as guest speaker

THE Chasetown Men's Regnal Circle would wish to thank everyone, members and friends and those who responded to the publicity, who came along and supported our coffee morning at Chasetown Methodist Church on Saturday, May 10 in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Our group, which had had Stephen Sutton as a speaker late last year and had been inspired by his story, were very pleased to be able to raise more than £522 for this very worthy cause.

TERRY TRIGG
Secretary
Chasetown Regnal Circle

Street market effect is felt

I FEEL I must write and complain about this so-called street market on a Friday in Cannock town centre.

Who thought this would be a good idea for Cannock? You have only got to see the effect it is having on the indoor market.

People may be spending money outside, but that is going out of Cannock. Surely we should be promoting what we already have?

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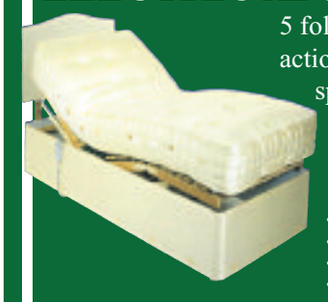

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Royal seal for country park's transformation

FROM trying his hand as a crane operator on a new £122million super-incinerator to visiting a country park and stately home – the Duke of Gloucester was able to mix business with pleasure in a visit to Staffordshire.

The Duke – The Queen's cousin – was on a tour of three sites that also saw him visit Chasewater Country Park and Weston Park.

He tried his hand at being a crane operator when he visited the controversial Staffordshire Energy Recovery Facility at Four Ashes.

Colin Boyle, aged 29, from Pasture View, Pelsall, showed the Duke how to operate the giant bunker crane as he took his seat at the controls.

Children greet HRH The Duke of Gloucester and Lord Lieutenant Ian Dudson

The Duke of Gloucester with county archaeologist Stephen Dean

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He lifted around one-and-a-half tons of household waste from the giant storage room before dropping it on to a 'hopper' which transported it down to the burners, where it is used to generate electricity.

The Duke performed the official opening of the plant, which will eventually generate electricity for 35,000 homes, amid tight security.

The Duke said he was greatly impressed that the councils had worked together to come up with an alternative way of disposing of rubbish, instead of sending it all to landfill.

At Chasewater, the Duke was greeted by children from Norton Canes Primary and also presented with a specially made wooden plate by the county's longest serving countryside volunteer.

Having opened the site's Innovation Centre 10 years ago, he was this time shown what water sports are run from the park while learning about the Staffordshire Hoard. It also gave him chance to speak to staff from Staffordshire County Council about the £5.5m restoration of the reservoir dam and see some of the businesses.

Ronald Mattison, a countryside services volunteer for 38 years, presented the Duke with the wooden 'platter'.

The Duke's tour ended with a visit to Lady Anne's Memorial Garden at Weston Park, a tribute to Lady Anne Cowdray, the sister of the sixth Earl of Bradford.

The Duke was accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, and met by William Montgomery, the chairman of trustees of the Weston Park Foundation, and the chief executive Colin Sweeney.

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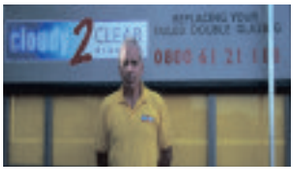

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Friends reunited after charity finds connection

Lifelong friends , left , Edith Pyk, aged 87, and Rosa Walkerden, 88, are reunited after losing contact because of dementia

TWO friends, both with German roots, were reunited after nearly five years apart.

Old age and deteriorating health has conspired to keep long-lost pals Edith Pyk, aged 87, and Rosa Walkerden, 88, apart.

The pair visit separate day centres operated by Age UK and a volunteer who realised they were connected arranged a meeting at the charity's Sir Julian House, in Bridgtown.

It led to them finally getting together for the first time in four and a half years. Mrs Pyk attends the centre, in Walsall Road, while Mrs Walkerden attends the site in Teddesley Road, Penkridge. Both were born in Germany and met in the 1970s after moving to Cannock in the aftermath of the Second World War.

Refugee

Mrs Pyk, of Heath Hayes, came to join her late husband Andre in 1951. He had been a Ukrainian refugee in war-torn Germany. They lived in lodgings at Longford House on the A5 when they first arrived. He worked as a miner at Littleton Colliery.

Mrs Walkerden met her late husband Jack when he was a British serviceman in Germany. Both men passed away aged in their 60s in the 1980s.

The ladies both housewives, then grew closer and regularly went on holiday together until in 2009 deteriorating health took its toll and they were both found to be in need of extra care.

"We have known each other for a long time,," Mrs Pyk said.

"I've missed seeing her and going on our holidays together. I'm very happy to see her again," Mrs Walkerden said.

Age UK South Staffordshire service manager Sylvia Dunn said: "We would like to make it a monthly meeting."

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Blue is the colour as shop unveiled

Councillors Bob and Diane Todd, manager Chris Pollard, staff and customers and Tony Gibbard from Chase Drum Corps

A CHARITY shop celebrated its official opening in style, raising nearly £200.

The Blue Cross supports animal charities, and, despite being opened for business around 10 weeks ago, its Heath Hayes store was officially unveiled last week. Councillors Bob and Diane Todd cut the ribbon on the Hayes Way store, which made £198 on the day from the sales of cakes.

There are now 49 Blue Cross stores across the country – including one in Cannock. Charity bosses hope to open the 50th this year.

The Heath Hayes store has 15 volunteers, but more are needed, along with donations of bric-a-brac, clothes, homeware, CDs and DVDs. Contact Liz or Chris on 01543 275664.

Talks over vacant JCB site

TALKS are under way with JCB suppliers to move onto the digger firm's site in Rugeley when it relocates.

As part of expansion plans JCB is relocating its cab systems operation and 300 employees to Uttoxeter.

Council bosses are in talks with the company to see if they can negotiate whether one of their suppliers could move into the Rugeley site when it is vacated. Cannock Chase District Council leader George Adamson said: "There are discussions taking place with a number of firms because while it is great to see this investment from JCB as a whole, it is very disappointing to see the firm leave Rugeley.

Sense

"We are extremely keen to make sure the Rugeley site gets occupied and a supplier to JCB would make sense as it would be just down the road." JCB said it had outgrown the Riverside site in Rugeley and had tried unsuccessfully to find a suitable replacement plot in the nearby area.

It plans to keep the whole workforce and will lay on transport for the Rugeley workers to get to the new site, which is 15 miles away.

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Court rules victim to get payout from driver

A MAN who suffered catastrophic brain damage after being 'catapulted' from a moving car is to receive a payout from the driver after a court ruling.

Ian David Groves, aged 38, sustained serious head injuries when he fell from the bonnet as it was being driven out of a layby by Cannock motorist Jonathan Studley in July 2010.

It followed an altercation between Mr Groves and a friend of Mr Studley outside Dinky's Diner, near Ford, Shropshire.

Mr Studley was prosecuted and jailed for 22 months at Shrewsbury Crown Court in May 2011 after admitting dangerous driving, driving while disqualified and failing to stop after an accident.

Mr Groves, of Snailbeach, Shrewsbury, underwent brain surgery and, although he has recovered some mobility, still has a range of difficulties including impaired speech and a risk of developing epilepsy.

Liability

Through his mother, June Groves, he sued Mr Studley, of Hall Meadow, Cannock, who has now been found 60 per cent to blame for Mr Groves' injuries.

Mr Studley admitted primary liability for Mr Groves' injuries, but lawyers acting on behalf of him and insurers, Zenith Insurance Management UK Ltd, argued that the injured man bore the lion's share of responsibility for the outcome.

They alleged Mr Groves deliberately 'leaped' onto the bonnet after Mr Studley tried to avoid hitting him and that his damages should be cut by 80 per cent.

However, Mr Justice Stewart, giving judgment at London's High Court, found that Mr Studley was 60 per cent responsible for the accident, and Mr Groves 40 per cent

The ruling means Mr Groves is entitled to substantial damages, which will be calculated on the basis of 60 per cent liability.

The amount of his award will be assessed at a further court hearing unless final settlement terms are agreed before then.

Cafe open for music night

Steve Graham, Jonathan Floyd and KeithParry promote the open mic night

LIVE music is on offer at a Cannock coffee shop – and performers are invited to show off their talents at an open mic night.

Caffe Del Nino in High Green Court is introducing the night of entertainment next Wednesday, May 28, from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Anyone with a love of live music is invited along to listen – or even take part.

Proprietor Jonathan Floyd said: "We are inviting any local musicians and singers to come along and perform. You don't have to be an accomplished entertainer, just a lover of live music."

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Chef's talk gives food for thought

BURNTWOOD WI

SECRETARY Judith read the minutes from last month then gave out the county news and the group's own regular activities.

The birthday meal at Beaudesert Golf Club was a very enjoyable evening, with lovely food and great company. There is a barbecue to look forward to in June at the home of Anne and David Simpson.

Speaker for the evening was Simon Smith, a local chef, whose talk was titled "Life behind the Kitchen door".

Simon has cooked all over the world and has helped to put on huge events. He worked in New York as part of a team for a Jewish wedding, this proved to have many problems including the French chefs going on strike!

Another time he worked for Birmingham City Council on a twinned event with Vienna and Lyon, it was a British Airways function and he made a margarine sculpture of an aeroplane.

He worked on yachts and one time lost the little boat he had used to fetch supplies from the mainland. Mary Jarvis thanked Simon for a very interesting and amusing talk.

Social time for the evening was on a food theme, which was a quiz of anagrams on popular dishes and cryptic clues for herbs and spices. The competition for an unusual candlestick was won by Sylvia Reeves and after the raffle the "thought for the month"closed the meeting.

Team of six reflects on presidential year

President Dr Janis Lomas, front, with outgoing team presidents Ronnie Reynolds, Pam McGauley, Eileen Cryer, Carole Holdcroft, Sue Gay and Lakhwinder Thompson

CANNOCK SOROPTIMISTS

A TEAM of six, led by Pam McGauley, had worked together throughout the year as president of SI Cannock & District.

At the AGM at The Barns, Pam reported on behalf of them all, thanking club members for their support and reflecting on the club's achievements over the year.

These included continuing to support Pathway, St Giles Hospice, the Soup Kitchen in Mill Street and the Food Bank in Cannock. In addition they have raised funds for Birthing in the Gambia, raising £596.40; for water projects in Africa - £293 and Oxfam's Motherhood Appeal – £250. The club raised £137 for the International President's Appeal and has been involved in giving talks on sex trafficking and with collecting information about women in prison.

The team of presidents – Pam, Sue Gay, Lakhwinder Thompson, Ronnie Reynolds, Carole Holdcroft and Eileen Cryer – were thanked by members for their work. Incoming President Janis Lomas presented them all with flowers.

Archaeologist's ceramics talk

LANDOR SOCIETY

AT the April meeting, archaeologist Dr David Barker gave an illustrated talk on ceramics in early modern Britain.

He said ceramics were closely associated with pleasures of life such as eating and drinking and so many fragments found on archaeological digs were associated with drinking vessels. Dating of such pieces is made evident by the style of decoration. In the 1740s an oriental decoration was often used.

People of a higher status would use Chinese porcelain to indicate that they were "cultured." Dr Barker showed paintings of people of varying status in society and demonstrated the sort of ceramics they would use.

This was the last talk at Sneydlands until September. The summer outings will commence in May with a walk around Alrewas.

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Poor diet a factor in death of frail vegan

AN underweight and frail pensioner died at home after suffering a period of ill health including a number of falls and a stroke, an inquest heard.

Pamela Taylor, aged 86, was found at her address in Bridge Cross Road, Chase Terrace, on December 23 2012 by members of her family.

by Katy Meaney

Smethwick Coroners Court heard poor nutrition has also been a factor in Miss Taylor's death.

The inquest was told she had been a strict vegan. The medical cause of death was given as frailty contributed to by ill health and a previous stroke.

Stroke

Assistant coroner, Mr Angus Smillie, heard the pensioner had been in hospital three times in the six months prior to her death.

The hearing was told she had gone into hospital after suffering two falls. Miss Taylor had also suffered a stroke.

Head of Dietetics at Walsall Manor, Catherine Humpreys said: "She was underweight and very frail but she was a strict vegan and you couldn't sway her decision. She didn't want to eat and had a poor appetite.

"We saw her on quite a few occasions and sometimes she would take supplements for a few days but then she would stop. It was difficult to advise her."

Mr Smillie recorded a verdict of death by natural causes.

He said there had been issues due to her strong views and beliefs.

He added poor nutrition was a contributing factor, with a number of things, including her previous ill health, falls and a stroke also having an impact.

He said: "The falls had an impact on her life expectancy

"Sadly death seemed an inevitable outcome of her deteriorating health."

Opticians raise a glass to 25 years

Winifred Archer with Cannock Chase MP Aidan Burley and Martin Shaw as Specsavers marks 25 years

CHASE MP Aidan Burley joined in the spec-tacular celebrations as a Cannock opticians marked its 25th birthday.

Specsavers in Cannock Shopping Centre, was also joined by one of its first customers, 98-year-old Winifred Archer.

The store first opened in Peel Court, then called The Forum, in 1998. Store director Martin Shaw said: "We opened with just four members of staff and now have a team of 23. It's testament to the team and our loyal customers that we have remained such a success."

Mr Burley said: "It is a pleasure to have been asked to take part in the 25th anniversary celebrations."

Crews called to car crash

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Artist brushing up on her pet portraits

Artist Jessica Lennox, of Heath Hayes, is in high demand for her animal portraits, including these dogs

AN artist who began by selling animal portraits to friends and family has found herself in high demand.

Business is booming for Jessica Lennox, of Heath Hayes, and she is fully booked until January next year with around 50 portraits to do.

The 26-year-old specialises in drawing dogs, cats and horses. She said: "I've always known I wanted to be an artist and draw for a living."

Jessica, a former pupil at Kingsmead Technology College in Hednesford, studied printed textiles at Loughborough University. After graduating she worked for a few different companies before deciding to go it alone and sell art for a living. Around 18 months ago she was asked to draw a picture of a dog for her friend's father. After putting the final touches to the portrait, Jessica decided to dedicate her time to pet portraits.

Requests

"At first I was only selling my pictures to friends and family but it has ballooned since then. I mainly draw dogs but also cats and horses.

"I get requests from people all over the world."

Customers email photos of their pets to Jessica and she chooses the best one to draw. In the future she hopes to sell her portraits at shows locally, including Crufts at the NEC in Birmingham.

One of Jessica's horse drawings

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Settlement for parents after daughter's death

THE parents of a young musician who killed herself while on 'unescorted leave' from hospital have been awarded a five figure out-of-court settlement.

Samantha Maritza, lead singer of electro indie band China Red, was killed when she stepped off the platform into the path of a train at Lichfield Trent Valley on June 9, 2010.

Samantha Maritza

The 21-year-old, who was studying hairdressing at Tamworth College, had been released the same day on a two-hour unescorted leave from St George's Hospital, in Stafford, were she was being treated after showing signs of suicidal tendencies. She had suffered from depression for two years and was prescribed anti-depressants.

The former Friary School pupil had shown signs of being unwell in her second year at the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts and eventually left the course.

Miss Maritza, who had also been diagnosed with non-epileptic attack disorder, had made several suicide attempts before agreeing to informal admission to St George's in May 2010.

Her father Stephen, aged 57, of Batesway, Rugeley, said: "They said it was for her own safety and care. She was worse while she was there."

She made six more attempts on her life over a three-week period and was detained under the Mental Health Act.

Her 55-year-old mother Joan said she had expressed concerns to a nurse on the morning her daughter was due to take unescorted leave after seeing in her journal an entry relating to trains, but claimed these were not passed on.

Joan and Stephen Maritza and their daughter Jamie remember Samantha

Miss Maritza, who formed her first band Maritza when she was 16, was able to leave the hospital but her family grew worried when she stopped texting them and failed to return.

Problem

Stephen said: "We knew there was a problem. We went to Stafford train station. We asked if there was any CCTV to look at. They said there had been an incident in Lichfield." It later emerged his daughter had been involved in a fatal collision after he was able to confirm she had a treble clef tattoo behind her ear.

A 2011 inquest found that Miss Maritza, who had a sister Jamie, 23, and brother Billy, 20, killed herself while mentally unwell.

The family brought a negligence claim against South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, which runs the hospital, and called for changes in procedures and care. A settlement was reached but the hospital does not admit liability. Family lawyer Sharon Allison, of Ashton KCJ, said it was hoped lessons could be learned.

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Camera-shy because of failing teeth, images of a dream Caribbean wedding are missing a mum's proud smile but now she's . . .

THE SUN shone, the sea was as blue as the cloudless sky and a small, family group celebrated a wedding on the shoreline of paradise.

With the warm, golden sand beneath their feet, they toasted the happy couple and made memories that would last lifetimes.

Runaway Bay, one of the jewels of the Caribbean, had it all – magic, romance, a spectacular setting and the ultimate backdrop for wedding album pictures – and there were plenty to be taken.

But one person was noticeably absent from the captured images of the smiles, laughter and celebrations on that special day.

Only a single frame – a group shot ,and not a close-up – featured the groom's proud mum. Jan had travelled more than 4,600 miles to embrace the Big Day moment with five others in the wedding party, but in her own words, "I didn't feel right."

Teeth were a mess

Everything was perfect, everyone was happy and "it was a lovely, lovely day," but Jan deliberately melted into the background every time the cameras clicked.

"I wouldn't have my picture taken," she confesses. "I know it seems strange, but I did not want to spoil the day for my son. That's the way I felt. Everything was lovely, I'd taken some lovely clothes, the setting was lovely and you couldn't have wished for better . . . the people, the ceremony in the pagoda, the beach bungalow where we stayed and the way the locals were so friendly to us.

"But my teeth were a mess. When I smiled you couldn't see any of my teeth and I was so embarrassed at the way they looked, I not only spoke with my hand in front of my mouth, I ate like that too," Jan, from Kidderminster, recalls.

Jan is all smiles as she tends one of her acer trees in her garden.

As the groom's mum, the focus of attention was emotionally crippling.

Now in her 60s, Jan's troubles began some 40 years ago. Suffering with a gum disorder in her lower jaw, her dentist carried out a full clearance.

"I had four lower teeth in the front where the trouble was, but I was told I had to lose them all. In those days you just accepted it. It was a horrible experience and those experiences stay with you," she says. Jan tolerated a catalogue of prosthetic prescriptions which never "felt comfortable or looked right" and for 15 years her food choices were seriously compromised.

"I couldn't eat apples, or pears, or steak and every time I went to a restaurant I'd have to order fish. My gums were always sore and I couldn't chew properly," she adds.

Jan's self-esteem hit rock bottom until she saw an article in the newspaper about Steven Burchell's work at the Denture Clinic in North Street, Dudley.

"My husband said I should book an appointment and I told him that he needed to get laser surgery on his eyes. He said 'I can live with glasses, but you can't live without your teeth."

It was true: Meeting Jan now is an engaging experience and she loves her new look.

"I'm planning to go back for our 50th wedding anniversary... *guess who won't be frightened to have their picture taken then?"*

"On the picture from the wedding my face seems so small, but my whole appearance has changed since meeting Steven. My only regret is that I didn't meet him earlier," she adds.

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"I'm planning to go back to Runaway Bay with my husband in 2016 for our 50th wedding anniversary and guess who won't be frightened to have their picture taken then?"

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Ancient county maps under hammer

Cuttlestones antique maps and books expert Rosie Blackburn with the maps going under the hammer

A COLLECTION of more than 50 historic maps of Staffordshire that chart the county's evolution over a 300-year period is to go under the hammer in Penkridge.

The maps – all part of a single, private collection – date from between 1577 and 1880 and chart how the county border has evolved from taking in parts of Worcestershire and Wolverhampton. The oldest is an example of the very first printed map of Staffordshire and is expected to fetch £1,000. The entire collection goes up for auction at Cuttlestones on Friday, June 6.

Antique maps and books expert Rosie Blackburn said: "These maps are a delight for anyone with an interest in either local history or historic cartography. This collection is particularly interesting not only because it covers our local area, but that it includes an example of the first map ever to be printed of Staffordshire.

Highlights include a 1577 map of Staffordshire by Christopher Saxton. Another interesting lot is a map from the 'Anonymous' series of just 12 county maps that are now attributed to one William Smith (1550-1618). These maps were engraved in the Netherlands and printed in London.

The full catalogue will be available online at www.cuttlestones.co.uk from Friday, May 30 and viewing will take place the day prior to and on the morning of the sale.

Homes sites considered

NEW sites for more than 1,000 homes to be built in South Staffordshire will be weighed up by planning chiefs.

Currently nine village have been identified to take the lion's share of 1,100 homes needed in the district over the next 15 years.

They would mostly be built in Bilbrook, Brewood, Cheslyn Hay, Codsall, Great Wyrley, Kinver, Penkridge, Perton and Wombourne. Planning chief Councillor Bob McCardle says the new locations have been recommended to the authority.

"This is all about providing the right homes in the right places at the right time," he said.

Average

Councillor McCardle said the prices of homes in South Staffordshire could force people to live elsewhere. He added: "House prices in the district are way above the national and regional average and we run the risk of forcing local people out of the area because there simply aren't enough homes.

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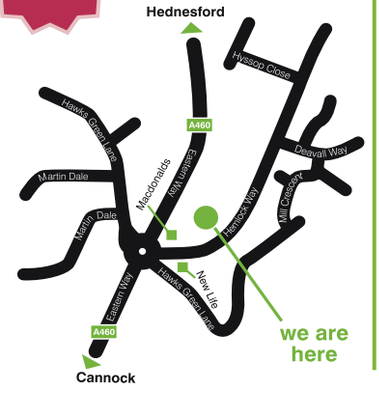

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Around 50 stalls are expected at the car boot, and sellers should arrive from 7am to set up.

The site is all hard standing and costs £8 per car for sellers. Call 01785 714221 for more details.

Legal bid by widow on asbestos is rejected

A WIDOW who claimed her husband's death was caused by asbestos exposure while working at Cannock cemetery in the 1970s has lost her legal battle.

by Adam Burling

Una Abbott, aged 74, said Dennis, her bricklayer husband of 40 years, had recounted details of how he had inhaled asbestos dust.

Lawyers for the widow, of Conwy, north Wales, claimed Cannock Chase Council failed in its duty of care by not protecting him properly. But the local authority denied he was ever in contact with asbestos while in its employment.

At London's High Court, Judge Peter Ralls QC dismissed Mrs Abbott's claim for around £130,000 in damages, saying he had 'great sympathy' for her but her case had not been proven.

Judge Ralls said Mr Abbott worked for the council between 1973 and 1979, after joining from Staffordshire County Council, and lived in the Cannock area before retiring from his lifelong career as a brickie.

Cruise

In April, 2010, he complained of chest pains and his condition worsened when he and his wife, a ballroom dancing instructor, went on a holiday cruise soon after, the judge added.

He was told that he might have mesothelioma – an incurable cancer of the lining of the lungs almost always associated with asbestos – in December, 2010 and deteriorated quickly, dying aged 80 in January, 2011.

Mrs Abbott said that, four months before his death in 2011, her husband asked her to write down his memories of working with "aspesters" at the Pye Green Road Cemetery in the late 1970s, which he blamed for his terminal illness.

He had told her that labourers had refused to lay a ceiling coating in an outbuilding beside the Sexton's house in the graveyard, so he was then given the job and denied protective gear.

Mrs Abbott, who first met her husband when she was 15, earlier told the court: "When he asked for a mask he was told to 'get on with the job'."

Judge Ralls said the building Mr Abbott probably meant was a mess room used by gravediggers, but that subsequent surveys in 2005, 2010 and 2013 revealed no asbestos there.

He found that Mr Abbott had accurately recounted what he believed to be a brush with asbestos and described his wife as a "witness of truth".

He ruled: "I am not satisfied that there was any form of plaster or decorative coating that contained asbestos.

"Whilst I have great sympathy with the deceased, and for Mrs Abbott, I am compelled to conclude that the burden of proof has not been discharged and the claim must be dismissed."

The judge granted permisson for Mrs Abbott to challenge the decision before the Court of Appeal.

Have a say on forward plans for quarrying

A CONSULTATION has been launched on future plans for quarrying, mining and other mineral extraction in Staffordshire.

The county council is drawing up plans for new quarries and how existing sites can be restored.

The sector contributes around £300m to the local economy per year and in 2011, 660 people were employed in Staffordshire with many more in the supply chain and supported industries.

Cabinet member for economy and infrastructure Mark Winnington said: "Managing our natural resources is an important part of supporting Staffordshire's economy and local jobs but we need to carefully balance the extraction of these resources with the needs of local communities and protecting our environment.

"By planning ahead and having robust guidelines in place, we will make sure we minimise any impact on peoples' lives and our countryside, at the same time as supporting our economy and jobs.

"I would encourage people to let us know what they think."

Consultation ends on July 4. Visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/planning.

Chase Line project to increase user numbers

TRAINS with more carriages could run on the Chase Line when the electrification of the route is completed in 2017.

It would mean dozens of extra passengers would be able to make use of the services.

London Midland's chief executive Patrick Verwer revealed the plans during a public drop-in session at the Tesco store in Victoria Street, Hednesford. He said: "We are looking at having longer trains with more carriages.

"By increasing the number of seats, we will be increasing demand and attracting more passengers."

Mr Verwer said the move would mean station platforms would need to be extended.

It is hoped the speed on the Chase Line, which runs between Walsall and Rugeley, will increase to 75mph from 45mph when the electrification project is complete.

London Midland managing director Patrick Verwer with Aidan Burley MP

Journeys

Centro's rail partnership manager Steve Fisher said increasing the speed would 'shave minutes' off journeys and allow for extra services to be introduced. He also said a direct service from Cannock to London could be introduced.

He added: "Services from Walsall to Rugeley are currently every hour. One thing we would like to see is increasing that service to every half hour.

"The speed on the line is currently 45mph. We want to increase it to 75mph. It will shave minutes off journey times."

The overall £30 million electrification scheme is due to be completed in three years.

It will see the installation of 15 miles of overhead cables. Diesel trains will also be replaced by electric ones.

Rail bosses have promised long-term benefits of electrification such as boosting capacity, reducing carbon emissions and cutting the cost of running the railway. They hope it will also encourage more passengers onto trains. As well as increasing the speed of the trains, the improvements will also see the introduction of automatic ticket machines at stations and the upgrade of sleepers, rails and platforms.

The event at Tesco was organised by Cannock Chase MP Aidan Burley. He said it was useful meeting members of the public and answering questions and concerns.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson has campaigned to limit the speed of trains through Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay when the line is complete.

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D&P Rogers Catering is now run by Peter's son David, although Peter is still involved.

Under David's leadership, the business has diversified into providing hot meals for local lunch clubs, as well as continuing to offer bespoke hot and cold food options for weddings, funerals and other parties.

Support

Currently providing hot meals for around 30 lunch clubs a week, David and Peter also work closely with local voluntary organisations to support the community.

Most recently David donated a buffet to Ron Box at Hammerwich Cricket Club for their fundraising day.

The day was a great success, raising a total of £565 towards some equipment to maintain the pitches at the club.

David also donated a buffet to the volunteers at the Burntwood Live at Home scheme, as a thank you for all their hard work supporting local residents in the community.

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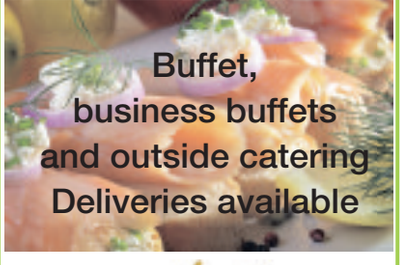

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A CANNOCK sports bar is gearing up for a carnival atmosphere as it hosts a number of special guests during the World Cup.

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England kick off their first group match on June 14 against Italy where compere Steve Kindon will be joined by Steve Bull and another ex-Wolves player Steve Daley.

On June 19, for the clash against Uruguay, former Manchester United European Cup winning goalkeeper Alex Stepney will be special guest. This will be followed by 1966 winning squad member Norman Hunter for the Costa Rica game on June 24.

Bar Sport owner Scott Murray said: "If England progress then we will be inviting more special guests to attend during the games."

It comes as a new app, Orderella, is launched at the bar allowing customers to order food and drink via their mobile phones without leaving their tables. The app will be available throughout the premises.

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Warning on theft of expensive car parts

POLICE have issued a warning over scores of vans and Land Rovers being targeted by thieves stealing high-value parts.

Stafford is among the worst-hit area in the last three months, with 45 thefts from vehicles. This is the same number as in Cannock – but more than Rugeley and Lichfield combined.

It comes as the theft of catalytic converters continues to rise across the region, with the parts being sold off for scrap metal.

by Adam Burling

Police say thieves are targeting unlocked vehicles or those parked in poorly lit or quiet streets.

Posters are being distributed to local petrol stations, garages and supermarkets to warn motorists to take extra precautions.

Imperative

In total there were four incidents in Rugeley, and 27 in Lichfield.

Chief Superintendent Jon Drake, commander of Staffordshire South which covers Lichfield, Cannock, Stafford and Stone, said: "It is imperative that motorists make sure their vehicles are secure and parked in areas that would make it difficult for a thief to have the time or opportunity to remove parts from the vehicle.

"We urge motorists to be vigilant and report anyone acting suspiciously to us via our non-emergency number 101, or in an emergency 999."

Police revealed last month that thousands of car key burglaries were being carried out across Staffordshire each year.

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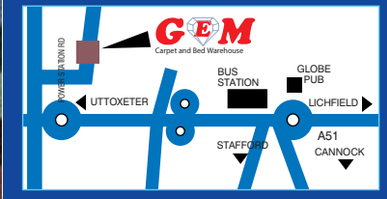

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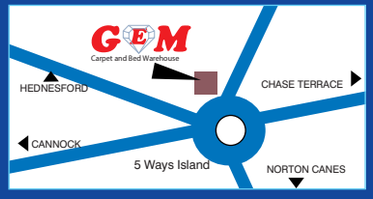

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New take on life and crimes of evil Palmer

A NEW book telling the tale of a notorious Rugeley killer is to be released.

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The Poisoner, the Life and Crimes of Victorian England's Most Notorious Doctor, contains previously undiscovered letters from Palmer to his mistress and moneylenders, confidential legal documents from the case and new forensic examination of his victims.

As well as presenting a controversial revision of Palmer's entire story, it takes the reader into the very psyche of a killer.

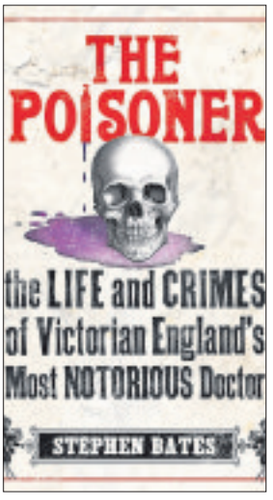
Jury

Charles Dickens described Dr Palmer as 'the greatest villain who ever stood trial at the Old Bailey'. The 1856 Central Criminal Court Act was passed to allow the murderer's trial to be held at there as a fair jury could not be found in Staffordshire.

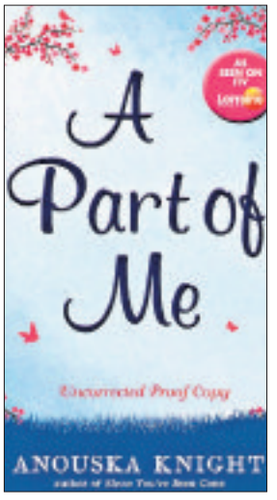
A baying crowd of more than 30,000 people gathered outside Stafford Gaol to watch the execution of the village doctor – one of the last people to be publicly hanged.

He was convicted of murdering his best friend John Parsons Cook over spiralling gambling debts, but was suspected of poisoning more than a dozen other people, including his wife, children, brother and mother-in-law – cashing in on their life insurance to fund his habit.

Stephen Bates is a journalist whose career includes the BBC, Daily Telegraph, and Daily Mail. He worked at the Guardian for 22 years, reporting from more than 40 countries. His book, set to be published on June 30 by HBK, priced £16.99, takes a fresh look at Palmer's life and disputed crimes and asks 'just how evil was this man?'



Stephen Bates' look at Poisoner Palmer



Anouska Knight's follow-up novel

Meanwhile, a Rugeley mother-of-two whose debut novel won a Best-seller competition, will soon see her latest publication hit the shelves.

Romantic

A Part of Me is the follow-up from Anouska Knight to Since You've Been Gone, winner of ITV Lorraine's Racy Reads competition. The prize, awarded in February 2013, included a contract with leading romantic fiction publisher, Mills & Boon. A Part of Me is tipped to be one of this summer's hottest reads. The story follows Amy and her partner James who have finally been accepted into the adoption process. When a dark secret changes everything, Amy needs to decide whether to follow her heart or her dream of motherhood.

A Part of Me will be available from June 20 at £7.99.

Working as an interior designer before having her two sons, Anouska started her own special occasion cake but turned her attention to writing after closing the business in 2012.

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Bogus workmen alert

COUNCIL chiefs have warned bogus tree surgeons are targeting people in Cannock, scamming them out of hundreds of pounds.

Four complaints have been made to Cannock Chase Council about the conmen who say they work for the authority.

A 65-year-old man from Hednesford handed over £800 to the unscrupulous operators and is now having to pay even more to put the damage right.

The man was targeted and paid hundreds up front after workmen offered to prune one of the trees in his garden. The work was halted after falling branches destroyed fencing and trellising. The 'tree surgeons' then disappeared.

Urban forestry officer Reuben Hayes said: "Never employ anyone who cold calls looking for work in this manner and certainly never pay any money up front.

"Reputable, qualified tree surgeons will never operate in this way. Bogus workers are uninsured, untrustworthy and likely to cause you nothing but trouble.

"Council officers will never call unannounced at private homes offering to carry out tree work of any kind, so don't fall for this trick."

Trio convicted of drugs supply plot

THREE men – including one from Cannock – have been found guilty of being part of a gang who ran a multi-million operation to import and supply drugs from a West Midlands industrial estate.

The drugs were hidden among cartons of fresh flowers.

The defendants were all involved in a conspiracy to smuggle large quantities of cannabis from Holland into the UK. At Birmingham Crown Court, Ashleigh Watkin, aged 38, David Thompson, 42, and Stuart Grant, 42, were all convicted of their role in the plot. Watkin was also found guilty of being involved in the supply of cannabis.

A fourth defendant, 37-year-old driver Gary Davies, was cleared of being involved in the conspiracy and the supply of cannabis. Thompson, of Laburnum Avenue, Cannock; Grant, of Deansfield Road, Bearwood; Davies, of Willow Close, Market Drayton; and Watkin, of Rowney Close, Loggerheads, near Market Drayton, had all denied the charges.

Judge Michael Chambers adjourned sentence for reports until next month when seven other men involved in the conspiracy are due to be sentenced. At earlier hearings ringleaders Baan Klootwijk, a Dutch national, and David North, along with two other men, admitted conspiracy to import and to supply cannabis. Three other men pleaded guilty to supplying cannabis. During the trial the jury was told the plot was run from Baan Flower Trading on the Adderley Road Industrial Estate in Market Drayton between November, 2011 and February, 2013.

Dozens of cardboard boxes containing cannabis, hidden among cartons of fresh flowers, were ferried by lorry between Holland and Market Drayton and the estimated profit for the gang could have been at least £7 million.

Covert footage filmed outside a warehouse at Rijnsburg in Holland showed both Thompson and Grant arriving in refrigerated-lorries and boxes being loaded along with trolleys containing flowers.

The court heard that Watkin, an employee and office worker at Baan Flower Trading and drivers Grant and Thompson, were heard in recorded conversations talking to North about the drugs.

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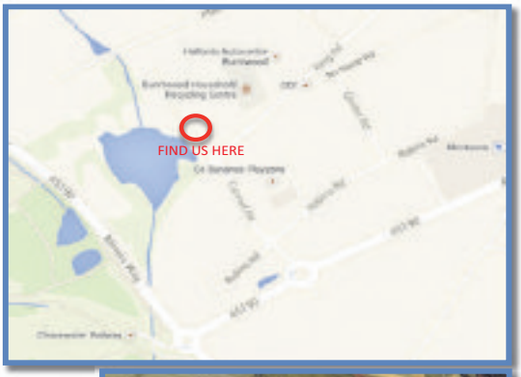

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FOCUS ON RUGELEY

Education boss in 'come together' plea to schools

SCORES of schools could share budgets, staff and governors to break away from council control, an education boss has revealed.

The county council is encouraging schools to become more independent and join together. It comes as one of the trailblazing projects in the county, involving two schools from near Rugeley, is expanding.

by Adam Burling

Richard Crosse, CE (VA) Primary School, Kings Bromley, and St Mary's CE (VA) Primary School, Colton, shared an executive head teacher from September 2007, before formally federating in 2010 and creating a single board of governors.

Doubled

Since 2007 both schools have retained their Ofsted ratings of 'outstanding' and 'good' respectively and St Mary's has more than doubled its pupil numbers from 38 to 84.

County council schools boss Councillor Ben Adams saidsaid: "The education landscape is changing with schools becoming self-managing and self-improving, taking control of their own future by forming strong partnerships to bring better performance and facing the future by sharing senior management teams, costs and best practice.

"As part of that process, the council's role is changing from being a direct provider of services to commissioning them.

"Our focus will be to support school leaders by improving governor development and equipping them to act as critical friends, while providing parents with more details about performance so they can make informed decisions."

Paul Lovern, executive head teacher of Richard Crosse and St Mary's, said: "Working together brings many advantages. It creates flexibility, financial savings, healthy competition between schools and gives pupils more extra-curricular opportunities."

While children at St Mary's and the 134-pupil Richard Crosse do some after-school activities separately, staff use two PTA-funded minibuses to bring pupils together for a 'federation choir' and activities such as horse riding and ice skating.

Find a voice with food and worship

A RUGELEY church will be 'Finding A Voice' during a family weekend next month.

St Pauls Methodist/United Reformed Church will stage the annual event on June 21 and 22. It has become a regular feature on the church calendar since the coming together of St Paul's and the United Reformed Church in 1976.

Activities have changed down the years in line with the average age of the congregation, with volleyball, long hikes across the Chase and barbecues popular in the early years.

Tea

Food, entertainment and worship remain a staple of the celebrations and this year's event will see churchgoers enjoy a bring and share tea from 4pm on the Saturday.

Home-spun entertainment will follow, with poems, songs, storytelling and musical offerings from church members. Services will take place at 11am and 6pm.

Further events planned by the Lichfield Street church include a visit by the Lichfield Gospel Choir on Saturday, July 19 and a coach trip to Cardiff on August 13 at a cost of £15. Call Barry Hackett if interested on 01889 578949.

Rescue team is handed grand donation

SSART and Lions club members with the cheque for £1,000

A CHARITY set up to help find missing people across the country has been handed a £1,000 boost by Rugeley & District Lions Club.

The donation to Staffordshire Search and Rescue will fund an important project to purchase digital radios to improve communication during searches.

SSART are trained volunteers who give their time freely to save the lives of people lost or missing on land or inland waterways. The team including search dogs and water rescue specialists help the police comb the area for lost children, vulnerable adults missing from home, stranded walkers in remote areas and injured mountain bikers in need of emergency treatment.

They are also increasingly required to find persons with Alzheimer's disease, autism and dementia and other conditions that can lead to wandering.

"This donation and the support of the Lions club is very much appreciated," said rescue team chairman Paul Keen. "This money will finance much needed equipment to benefit the team and the people within our communities."

"The rescue team provides a valuable service and we look forward to working more closely to assist the people of Staffordshire," said Lions president Tim Burgin.

Go wild for half-term holiday fun

YOUNGSTERS are being encouraged to sign up to a series of wildlife activities to keep them entertained this half-term.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is offering a programme for eight-to-13-year-olds at its Wolseley Centre HQ near Rugeley.

The sessions are on offer between May 27 and 30 and run from 10am to 3pm and include mini-beast hunts, shelter building and assault courses.

Education officer Alexis Johnson said: "Wildplay is our way of introducing kids to the outdoors and natural world and getting them interested in nature.

Popular

"These sessions offer a wide range of exciting activities for kids and prove to be very popular so it's best to book places early."

Family Wildlife Watch sessions aimed at four-to-seven-year-olds are being run on May 28 from 2pm for £2.50.

The Wildplay sessions cost £9 per child. To book a place, call the wildlife trust headquarters on 01889 880100.

Market day

A FARMERS' market will be staged for the fourth time in Rugeley town centre on Saturday (May 24). The day-long event in the town centre will feature sales of cup cakes, meat, pies, pickles, wine and cider.

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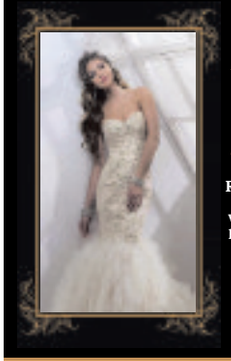

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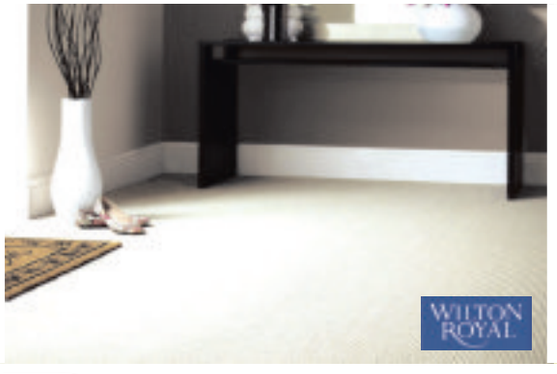

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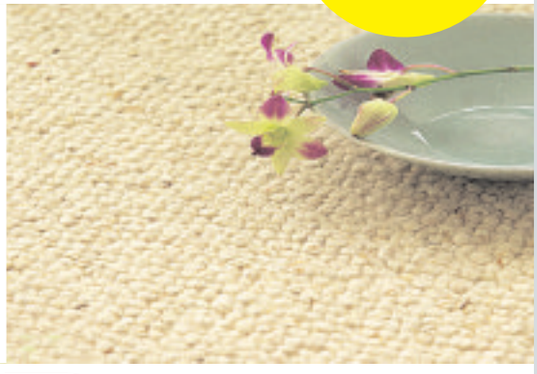

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Buddy's musical legacy raves on

Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

ON February 3, 1959, the world lost Charles Hardin Holley. But Don McLean was wrong. It was not the day the music died. Buddy's legacy lives on.

Buddy the stage show is celebrating 25 years, itself an indication of the influence the man had on the music scene. It's the story of the tragedy of an untimely death yet from the wreckage came some of the greatest music ever heard. And Oh, Boy! How this show delivered – Heartbeat, That'll be The Day, Peggy Sue and Rave On, a constant reminder of Holly's talent.

Here was a man ahead of his time. In Glen Joseph, this Grand production, which runs until Saturday, has a man who has the looks, personality and sound of Buddy off to a tee. He was ably supported by a superb cast, who all deserve acclaim.

There was the odd laugh providing a light-hearted touch at what is ultimately a poignant look at an all too short-lived existence.

Who cannot fail to be moved by such songs as it Doesn't Matter Anymore, Raining In My Heart and True Love Ways?

With a well-deserved standing ovation at the end, this faultless show is a must-see for all Buddy Holly fans.

Mark Shipp

EofE get McBusted showcase

McBusted, EofE, LG Arena

STARS in the making Dudley band EofE were best of three supports for McBusted as they caught the ears of 13,000 with a mash-up of Michael Jackson's Billie Jean with Nirvana's Smells Like Teen Spirit.

It nicely warmed up the crowd of McFly and Busted fans as 17-year-old singer Tom Harris, of Netherton, proved a plucky frontman, whilst Dan Bremner, 19, of Gornal, was adept at classic rock guitar poses.

They impressed alongside other up-and-comers Young Brando and Hollywood Ending. EofE showcased new single Lust and free download Kiss Me Like You Mean It.

McBusted feature six of the two bands' original seven (ex-Busted frontman Charlie Simpson is resolutely solo). McFly shot out of the stage as the Busted duo arrived in a Back To The Future DeLorean to play a 100 minute set featuring all the hits from Air Hostess and Year 3000 to 5 Colours In Her Hair and Obviously.

They do it all again on Tuesday.

Leon Burakowski

Reviews

Wolverhampton teens Callum Osbourne and Harry Ondrak-Wright in Lord of the Flies

Savage energy on display as schoolboys go wild in theatre

Lord of the Flies, Birmingham Hippodrome

CHOREOGRAPHERS Matthew Bourne and Scott Ambler take William Golding's novel about schoolboys reverting to tribal violence on a jungle island and relocate it in an abandoned theatre where the boys are trapped when sheltering from a riot.

It meant his New Adventures dance company made full use of the Hippodrome, though confusingly the setting still echoed to jungle sounds. The stranded party of well-drilled uniformed schoolboys rapidly turned into a feral gang of swaggering bullies with painted faces, whooping and grunting as they hunted younger or more timid boys.

The production featured 22 amateur dancers from the Midlands and it was to their credit that, apart from their youth, you could not easily tell them from the New Adventures professionals. Take a bow Black Country boys Brad Guest, Dereece Leigh-Gayle, Declan Lewis, Harry Ondrak-Wright, Callum Osbourne.

Bourne's ballet has menace, especially a dream scene where pig-masked hoodies manhandle one of the boys, and a stunning score of propulsive music by Terry Davies.

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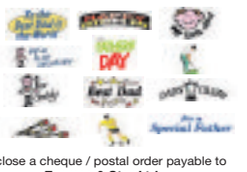

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Some of the exhibits on show at the museum in Ypres

Visitors can see a soldier in his trench among the collection of artefacts

The Ramparts War Museum in Belgium

A First World War soldier in full uniform on display at the Ramparts Museum

Collector splashes out on wartime artefacts

ARTEFACTS from one of the biggest First World War collections are heading to the Midlands.

MEMORY LANE
by Laura Blyth

A private collector has splashed out around £100,000 to buy an entire collection, currently being displayed at a museum in Belgium.

Around 15,000 uniforms, weapons and other artefacts are being flown over to the UK later this year.

The collector, who lives in Chasetown but does not want to be named, is now on the search for the perfect venue to store the items and open the museum in the centenary year of the start of the Great War.

He said: "Ideally I would love to open the museum in Staffordshire.

"I first went to the museum in 2002 with my wife. We were on holiday and it was the first place we stopped off at.

"The museum was hidden away at the back of a pub. Since then it has become my favourite museum and I've been back many times. It's a massive collection. I have contacted a local council but haven't heard anything back yet."

The Ramparts War Museum in Ypres has been open since 2000.

The museum's owner died this year and his family decided to sell the collection which includes dozens of British, German, French, American and Belgian uniforms. A Belgian Trooper uniform there is one of only three in existence around the world. Weapons on show include grenade launchers, rifles and underground mines.

The museum is currently still open and attracts around 150 to 200 visitors each day and is set out in the form of various trenches. The collector, who has had a keen interest in war memorabilia for the past 30 years, added: "Some of the items are very rare. I know it's a mammoth task. I need to find a venue where I can get a long term lease to house the collection.

"I'd encourage anyone with collections to get in touch as they could also include their items at the museum.

"When the museum opens to the public, I want schools to visit to learn all about the war. They don't get taught enough about the First World War in the classroom.

"This museum brings learning to life with sound affects I now have."

All the artefacts from the museum will be flown over to Staffordshire in November and they will be put into storage for the first few months. Some of the weapons will have to be checked by experts to ensure they are safe.

August 2014 the world will mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War.

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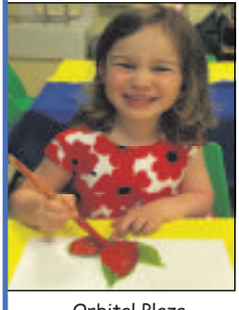

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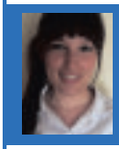

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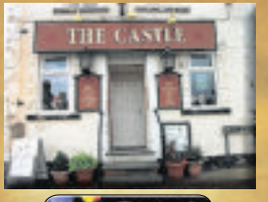
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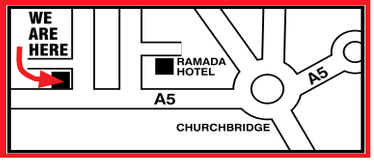

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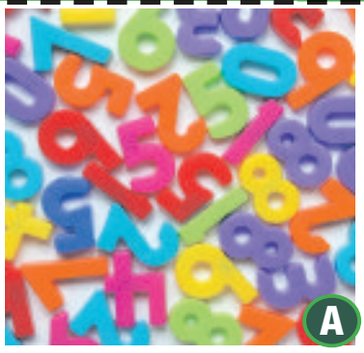

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WOLVERHAMPTON'S own comedy group Pappys, stars of BBC 3's Badults, are among a stellar line-up performing at the Hilarity Charity Gala 2014.

The show at the Grand Theatre on Thursday, May 29, is in aid of the city's Central Youth Theatre.

The show will be compered by Perrier award winner Daniel Kitson. The acts include Josh Widdicombe from Mock The Week, BBC Radio 4's Isy Suttie, 8 Out Of 10 Cats regulars Jon Richardson and Elis James, and Edinburgh Fringe favourite Josie Long. Tickets costs £20 (concessions £15). The age guidance is 14 plus.

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Art imitates life at New Alexandra

TRIBUTES to rock and pop legends are vying for attention at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre.

Tonight Lee 'Memphis' King presents One Night of Elvis at the Station Street venue. Tomorrow it's The Carpenters Story paying tribute to siblings Karen and Richard.

On Thursday, May 29, The Simon and Garfunkel Story features Dean Elliot, as Paul, from West End show Buddy and Jonny Smart as Art. Fans of the duo will be able to experience half of the real thing when Art Garfunkel is at the Alex on September 6.

Grand unveils a blockbuster new season of music and drama

Home turf dates for rising star

BLACK Country musician Kim Lowings will be coming home for a concert this month as part of a tour which has taken her and her band all over Britain.

The Stourbridge folk singer/songwriter who fronts The Greenwood, a collective made up of local musicians, will be playing Stourbridge Folk Club at Katie Fitzgerald's pub, Enville Street, Stourbridge, on May 29.

On June 21 Lowings will be performing at The Green Duck Brewery, Stourbridge, and on June 30 you can catch the band at The Crescent Theatre Bar in Birmingham.

The band, including Tim Rogers and Andrew Lowings, will be appearing at Bromsgrove and Warwick folk festivals in July before coming back to her home town on September 6 at Stourbridge Folk Festival at the Redhouse Cone.

Black Country folk singer Kim Lowings is coming home

BLOCKBUSTER musical Barnum and a comedy that has taken the theatre world by storm are coming to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, which has annouced it's winter season.

Panto favourite Brian Conley is one of the stars on his way to the Lichfield Street venue as 'the greatest showman on earth' in a revival of the hit musical Barnum, which will visit the city in late January.

Conley is no stranger to the Midlands as a regular in panto at Birmingham Hippodrome and having starred in drag as Edna Turnblad when Hairspray came to the Grand.

The National Theatre's madcap farce One Man, Two Guvnors will run at the Grand from March 16 to 21 with the lead role, first played by James Corden, being taken by Shaun Williamson, who will be starring alongside fellow former EastEnders regular Emma Barton.

Award-winning play The Curious Incident of The Dog in the Night Time, which recently moved West End theatres after a ceiling collapsed, will be coming to the Grand on tour from February 16 to 21. English Touring Theatre will present the Royal Shakespeare Company production of A Mad World My Masters, from February 26 to 28. Classic Arthur Miller drama A View from the Bridge will be at the theatre from March 24 to 28.

This autumn the centenary of the First World War will be marked with performances of Pat Barker's Regeneration. The novel looking at war and its devastating effects has been adapted for the stage by award-winning playwright Nicholas Wright and is staged fromNovember 4 to 8.

Two of the most anticipated shows are the musicals Dirty Dancing, from September 23 to October 11, and West End hit Top Hat, from October 21 to November 1. Meanwhile, the King of Pop Michael Jackson will be celebrated when tribute show Thriller Live returns to the Grand from November 11 to 15.

Newly-announced one night shows include The Magic of Motown on July 13, Soul Legends on September 13 and the return of cruise ship star, from Loose Women, Jane McDonald on September 17.

Brian Conley to star in musical Barnum

Musicals will also dominate the summer with the new stage version of rock 'n' roll sitcom Happy Days on June 10 to 14 and the Marc Bolan story 20th Century Boy, featuring T Rex's hits, from June 30 to July 5.

Meanwhile, tickets are already selling fast for this year's panto Cinderella which will star Julian Clary. He will be joined by Joe Tracini, Hollyoaks actor and son of last year's pantomime star Joe Pasquale.

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REVIEW

Meeting challenge of brave venture

Whistle Down the Wind – CWAGMS, Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock

CANNOCK Wood & Gentleshaw Music Society are forever treading new grounds in their choice of productions and this latest presentation certainly follows that trend.

Andrew Lloyd Webber and Jim Steinman's 'Whistle Down the Wind' was definitely a brave venture with its hard-hitting plot and variety of musical genres.

Director Sharron Burns met the challenge with the most simple of sets together with most-effective lighting.

The show is dependent on its male and female leads in order to succeed and Ellen Nicholls and Neville Leedham were up to the task.

Nicholls gave a near-faultless performance of musical delivery and characterisation as Swallow, who believes that the man hiding in her barn is Jesus.

Leedham's portrayal of the fugitive was convincingly presented in true rock-opera style.

Commendable support was given by all principal performers with a special mention of the children who played the younger siblings.

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigellissima. (R) **12.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15 Film:** Father of the Bride. (1991) Comedy remake, starring Steve Martin. **4.55** A Question of Sport. (R) **5.25** Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.

6.40 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a sitcom special of the unorthodox quiz show. Vicki Michelle, Ian Lavender, Simon Day, Arabella Weir, Meera Syal, Phil Cornwell, Ewen MacIntosh and Simon Greenall try to come up with the least popular correct answers to questions posed to members of the public, hoping to win a jackpot sum. (R)

7.50 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz in which contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws hosted by Gaby Roslin, with music by Lee Mead.

8.40 Casualty. Cal assists a family torn apart by sibling rivalry and Tess helps a pregnant teenager stand up to her controlling father. Ash and Zoe realise Connie has been manipulating them.

9.30 The Guess List. Warwick Davis, Jane Horrocks, Rachel Riley, Gary Lineker and Russell Grant help contestants answer all sorts of everyday questions. Game show, with Rob Brydon. Last in the series.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes ends up at the wrong venue after trying to gatecrash Maria's hen party. She then tries to impress the bride-to-be's mother during a dinner date, but the evening ends in chaos; (R) National Lottery Update.

11.00 Live at the Apollo. Dara O Briain warms up the crowd before introducing stand-up routines by ventriloquist extraordinaire Nina Conti and the irrepressible Danny Bhoy. (R)

11.30 The Football League Show. Derby County v Queens Park Rangers. Action from the Championship play-off final at Wembley Stadium.

12.15 Film: No Way Out. (1987) **2.05** Weatherview. **2.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Film: Slaughter Trail. (1951) **7.30** Great British Menu. (R) **8.00** Great British Menu. (R) **8.30** Great British Menu. (R) **9.00** Great British Menu. (R) **9.30** Great British Menu. (R) **10.00** World Cup Films. **10.15** World Cup Films. **11.45** Inspire: Rwanda Special. **12.00** Two Greedy Italians. (R) **1.00** Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. (R) **1.30** Sophia Loren: Talking Pictures. **2.05 Film:** El Cid. (1961) Historical epic drama, starring Charlton Heston. **5.00** Flog It!

6.00 Golf: The PGA Championship. Hazel Irvine introduces highlights of the third day of one of the tour's most prestigious events, held at Wentworth in Surrey. This event has been decided by a play-off in two of the last three years, and it was Matteo Manassero who triumphed in 2013, as he defeated Simon Khan and Marc Warren. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew Cotter.

7.00 The Mysterious Mr Webster. James Shapiro investigates the life of dramatist John Webster, whose The Duchess of Malfi was the most frequently performed play of the Jacobean period not written by Shakespeare.

8.00 RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2014. Monty Don, Joe Swift and Nicki Chapman round off BBC Two's coverage of the show with the plant sell-off and the presenters share their favourite moments from this year's event.

9.00 50 Years of BBC2 Comedy. As part of BBC2's 50th birthday celebrations, Joanna Lumley narrates a programme celebrating the channel's comedy output, from The Likely Lads and Not Only... But Also in 1964 through to W1A and Rev from this year. Including moments from shows by Monty Python and Spike Milligan, as well as clips of The League of Gentlemen, The Office, Miranda and Fawlty Towers. With contributions by Ricky Gervais, Eric Idle, Michael Palin, Terry Jones, Alan Alda, Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer, the Goodies, Catherine Tate, Bill Bailey, Ian Hislop, Armando Iannucci, Prunella Scales, Charlie Brooker and Paul Whitehouse.

11.00 Film: Bend It Like Beckham. (2002) Comedy, starring Parminder Nagra.

12.45 The Story of Slapstick. (R) **1.45 Film:** The Salt of Life. (2011) **3.10** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Adventure Time. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** ITV News; Weather. **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **12.20** Storage Hoarders. (R) **1.20 Film:** Beethoven's 4th. (2001) Comedy sequel, starring Judge Reinhold. **3.05** Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover. (R) **4.05** Off Their Rockers. (R) **4.35** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **5.35** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Let Me Entertain You. Hairdressers and staff at a community theatre gym go head to head with their take on a famous song, and Michael Underwood showcases viewers' home-made videos for Katy Perry's Roar.

6.30 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill puts his own spin on viewers' clips, featuring a bungled balcony theft in the Home Counties and the world's most inappropriate birthday present. Last in the series.

7.00 Live UEFA Champions League Final. Real Madrid v Atletico Madrid (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the showpiece match at the Estadio da Luz in Lisbon, where European club football's premier competition concludes. This is the first time the fixture has been played between two clubs from the same city, and Atletico would love nothing more than to prevent their rivals from winning the trophy for the 10th time, having been a revelation this season under coach Diego Simeone. Real have beaten German opposition in all three rounds of the knockout stage, while Atletico ended Chelsea's chances with victory at Stamford Bridge in the semi-finals. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

10.15 ITV News; Weather.

10.30 The Americans. Philip befriends a former engineer to find out more about the stealth programme, while Elizabeth is shocked when she uncovers new information about Kate.

11.30 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Peter Andre. (R)

12.30 Jackpot247. **3.00** Dinner Date: Australia. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** Trans World Sport. **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.50** The Simpsons. (R) **12.20** The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park, Goodwood and the Curragh. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. Frenchman Denis Verrier hosts the final dinner party in Bath, and hopes his experience of working in the hospitality industry will secure him the £1,000 prize. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.05 The Restoration Man. Architect George Clarke meets a furniture-maker who wants to create a home out of a colossal Second World War RAF bunker with no natural light and a back section submerged in water. (R)

8.00 Grand Designs. Commercial architect Martin Walker and his art-director wife Kae want to build the ultimate family home near York, inspired by a giant farm shed. However, her idea for a warm and cosy design conflicts dramatically with his penchant for building large square warehouses, and finding something they both agree on proves extremely challenging on their tight budget. Kevin McCloud follows the couple's progress. (R)

9.00 Film: The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1. (2011) Premiere. Peaceful vampire Edward marries his human girlfriend Bella, who is soon pregnant. However, the existence of this child has dangerous implications for them and the people around them, and a pack of werewolves is determined to prevent the birth by any means necessary. The first half of the two-part conclusion to the romantic fantasy series, with Kristen Stewart.

11.15 Film: Copycat. (1995) A psychologist traumatised by an attempt on her life agrees to help the police hunt for a serial killer re-enacting famous murders. Thriller, with Sigourney Weaver.

1.35 Film: Basic Instinct 2. (2006) **3.35** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.35** SuperScrimpers. (R) **5.50** The Hoobs. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **10.15** Access. **10.25** Classic Car Rescue. (R) **11.25 Film:** 633 Squadron. (1964) **1.15 Film:** Columbo: Uneasy Lies the Crown. (1990) Crime drama, with Peter Falk. **3.15 Film:** Columbo: Caution – Murder Can Be Hazardous to Your Health. (1991) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **5.10 Film:** Jesse Stone: No Remorse. (2010)

6.45 5 News Weekend.

6.50 Longmire. Walt receives a call from a man about a distressed young woman in his store, but later finds the shopkeeper has been killed and the girl has run off. Walt calls on Henry and the Ferg to help track her down and they pick up a trail that leads to a rabbit hutch, where they find an abandoned baby.

7.40 Longmire. When the president of the tribal council is found dead in his car on county land, it is clear to Walt that the body has been moved from the original crime scene. He discovers that the victim had a gambling problem and delves into the seedy world of an illegal poker game held in a tattoo parlour. Meanwhile, the sheriff also deals with feelings of betrayal when he finds out Cady and Branch are having an affair.

8.30 NCIS. A Navy pilot who was wearing an experimental jet pack is murdered in a secluded area, and the strange circumstances of the case lead the team into a confrontation with a no-nonsense attorney who appears to hold a grudge against Gibbs. Crime drama, starring Mark Harmon. (R)

9.30 The NCIS Movie: War on Terror. Feature-length episode. A military aircraft transporting the bodies of US marines back home crashes before reaching its destination, and Gibbs and the team are called in to help identify human remains at the site of the wreckage. However, a DNA discrepancy turns a routine investigation into a search for a missing person. (R)

11.15 NCIS. Gibbs discovers Tony's father is linked to the team's latest investigation, which involves an assassination attempt on a Saudi prince. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.05** DIY Dummies. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Lily Allen & Ed Sheeran @R1BW **8.00** One Direction & Pharrell @R1BW **9.00** Calvin Harris & Example @R1BW **9.55** Coldplay Live @R1BW **11.00** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.15** Sweat the Small Stuff **1.45** England's Worst Ever Football Team **2.45** Impractical Jokers **3.15** Russell Howard's Good News **3.45** Great TV Mistakes **3.55** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Jazz Legends in Their Own Words **8.00** Jazz 625 at the BBC **9.00** Wallander **10.30** History of the Eagles **12.30** Top of the Pops: 1979 **1.10** Sounds of the 70s 2 New Wave – Hit Me with Your Rhythm Stick **1.40** Jazz 625 at the BBC **2.40** Jazz Legends in Their Own Words **3.40** Close

ITV2

12.10 Britain's Got More Talent **1.10** You've Been Framed! **2.15** You've Been Framed and Famous! **3.20 Film:** The Mighty Ducks (1992) **5.30 Film:** Nanny McPhee (2005) **7.25 Film:** Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope (1977) **10.00** Celebrity Juice **11.00** Viral Tap **11.45 Film:** The Nutty Professor (1996) **1.40** Mom **2.05** You've Been Framed! **2.30** Life's Funniest Moments **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.35 Jane Austen's Emma **2.45** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.55** Rosemary & Thyme **6.00** Lewis **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Bomb Girls **12.00** A Touch of Frost **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. **8.00** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **9.00 Film:** Extreme Measures (1996) **11.25 Film:** Serenity (2005) **1.45** Warren United **2.15** Highway Patrol **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

2.00 How I Met Your Mother **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **4.00** Made in Chelsea **5.00** Youngers **5.30** How I Met Your Mother **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The Tomorrow People **9.00 Film:** Die Hard 2 (1990) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory **12.30** The Inbetweeners **1.30** Rude Tube **2.30** How I Met Your Mother **3.15** The Cleveland Show **4.00** Made in Chelsea **4.55** Ugly Betty

Film4

11.00 The Last Wagon (1956) **1.00** Letters to Juliet (2010) **3.05** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) **4.50** City of Ember (2008) **6.40** Mona Lisa Smile (2003) **9.00** The American (2010) **11.05** Scary Movie 2 (2001) **12.40** Carriers (2009) **2.20** The Comedian (2012) **4.00** Close

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The British Soap Awards 2014
(ITV, 8.15pm)
It's a tense time for soap fans – there's the ongoing mystery of who killed Lucy Beale on EastEnders, and Coronation Street is launching a whodunit of its own this week. But if you just want to know who the sexiest male in soap is, you're in for a much shorter wait as Phillip Schofield hosts the British Soap Awards from the Hackney Empire in London. It's a chance to look back over 12 months of drama in Walford, Weatherfield, Hollyoaks, Emmerdale, and Doctors' Letherbridge, including one of the biggest TV talking points of the year – the death of Corrie's Hayley Cropper, with David Neilson and Julie Hesmondhalgh (aka Roy and Hayley) are in the runner for Best Actor and Actress respectively, as well as Best On-Screen Partnership.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Countryfile. (R) **2.15** Flog It! Trade Secrets. **2.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15** Points of View. **3.30** Brazil with Michael Palin. (R) **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix – Highlights.

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker is at the childhood home of Charles Darwin in Shropshire, helping to restore the garden's "thinking path", where as a young man the naturalist would spend his mornings in silent contemplation with his father. Ellie Harrison visits a project to create a habitat for the rare water vole and John Craven finds out about a plan that saved thousands of lives during the Second World War. Adam Henson handles rare ponies on the Queen's Balmoral estate in Scotland and Tom Heap reveals how and why walkers are occasionally injured – or in rare cases killed – by bulls and cows. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce heads back to Scotland, where a crowd awaits the opinions of the experts at the National Gallery of Modern Art in Edinburgh. Items include a sketchbook believed to have been made on the journey from England to Australia in 1851 aboard the SS Great Britain, a maritime landscape painting found in a skip and a jade Buddhist lion dog.

9.00 Quirke. New series. Crime drama set in 1950s Dublin, starring Gabriel Byrne as the city's chief pathologist. Quirke is surprised to find his adoptive brother Malachy, an obstetric consultant, meddling in the case of a recently deceased young woman, so he performs a full post-mortem. With no love lost between the men, he is determined to call his relative to account – but as he digs deeper he threatens to uncover a long-buried secret that should have been left untold.

10.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

11.00 Vote 2014 – Europe. David Dimbleby presents the results of the European ballots.

3.00 Weatherview. **3.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Film: The Saint's Double Trouble. (1940) **7.20 Film:** The Saint Takes Over. (1940) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** World Cup Films. **10.25** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.55** Two Greedy Italians. (R) **12.55 Film:** They Came to Cordura. (1959) Military adventure, starring Gary Cooper. **2.55** Gymnastics: European Championships. **5.30** Charley Hull – Teenage Tigress.

6.00 Golf: PGA Championship. Hazel Irvine presents highlights of the fourth day of one of the tour's most prestigious events, held at Wentworth in Surrey. This was the 60th staging of the tournament, which came to a close with the players tackling the par-72 course that has staged this competition every year since 1984. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew Cotter.

7.00 Tropic of Cancer. Simon Reeve traces the path of the northern tropic around the globe, a journey in which he explores the environment, culture, history, politics and people of 18 countries. He begins in Baja California on Mexico's Pacific coast, crossing the country's rugged interior, before heading east to Cuba and ending the first leg in the Bahamas. (R)

8.00 The Best of Top Gear. A final selection of highlights from the last two series, looking back at Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May's most memorable stunts and challenges. Last in the series.

9.00 Harry & Paul's Story of the 2s. Harry Enfield and Paul Whitehouse take an irreverent look at the history of BBC Two, featuring parodies of The Office, Boys from the Blackstuff, Arena and The Apprentice.

10.00 Absolutely Fabulous. Edina is horrified when Bubble tells her she is about to be visited by an ultra-thin model she knew in the 1960s and decides to lose some weight. Guest starring Alexandra Bastedo. (R)

10.30 Steve Coogan: The Inside Story. Profile of the comedy actor. (R)

11.30 Film: A Cock and Bull Story. (2006) An egotistical comedian wrestles with personal issues while starring in a movie of a supposedly unfilmable novel. Comedy, with Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon.

1.00 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.00** Holby City. (R) **3.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Deadtime Stories. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Love Your Garden. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **1.35** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **2.20 Film:** Black Beauty. (1994) Family drama, starring Sean Bean. **4.00** Let Me Entertain You. (R) **4.30** Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec present the concluding round of auditions, before Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon make their selections for the live semi-finals. Continues tomorrow.

8.15 The British Soap Awards 2014. From the Hackney Empire in London, Phillip Schofield hosts the star-studded ceremony celebrating the best of Coronation Street, EastEnders, Emmerdale, Hollyoaks and Doctors over the past 12 months. Famous faces from the entertainment world hand out awards in 14 categories, including Villain of the Year, featuring Charlie Brooks (EastEnders' Janine), Dominic Power (Emmerdale's resident serial killer Cameron) and no less than three Hollyoaks baddies – Greg Wood (Trevor), Jesse Birdsall (Fraser) and Anna Passey (Sienna). David Neilson and Julie Hesmondhalgh (Corrie couple Roy and Hayley) are nominated for Best On-Screen Partnership as well as the individual Actor and Actress gongs, while David makes a third shortlist in Best Dramatic Performance.

10.20 Perspectives: Bruce Forsyth on Sammy Davis Jr. The veteran entertainer explores the life and work of the US singer, dancer and actor who emerged from the dying days of vaudeville and rose to superstardom. Last in the series. Sammy and Bruce can be seen at 11.45pm.

11.25 ITV News; Weather.

11.45 Sammy and Bruce. (R)

12.40 The Store. **2.40** Motorsport UK. **3.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **4.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** Rory Bremner's Great British Views. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** Ginetta Challenge. **7.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.35** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Secret Eaters. (R) **1.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.05** The Simpsons. (R) **3.35 Film:** Hocus Pocus. (1993) Supernatural Disney comedy, starring Bette Midler. **5.30** Deal or No Deal.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Four Rooms. Jeff Salmon, Wendy Meakin, Raj Bisram and Peter Ratcliffe lock horns over a unique silver American football helmet, a rare Rolling Stones LP signed by Andy Warhol, a sculpture of Jesus Christ, an antique big-cat skull and a full-size replica of the time-travelling DeLorean sports car from Back to the Future. Meeting each of the dealers in a separate room, the sellers must judge when to part with their valuable items and when to walk out on an offer. Presented by Anita Rani.

8.00 For the Love of Cars. Ant Anstead sets out to restore a DeLorean DMC-12, while Philip Glenister heads to America to research the story of the car with the unique design that was made famous in the Back to the Future trilogy. Very few DeLoreans were ever made, after the company collapsed following allegations of improper conduct. Philip meets former workers at the original production site, superfans of the vehicle and the daughter of its creator John DeLorean.

9.00 Fargo. Gus and Molly team up in Duluth, and while Malvo executes his master plan, Lester tries to craft one of his own as his life continues to crumble around him. American drama inspired by the Coen brothers' hit film, starring Billy Bob Thornton, Martin Freeman, Colin Hanks and Allison Tolman.

10.05 Film: Kick-Ass. (2010) A teenager tries to become a superhero, but finds real-life crime-fighting much more dangerous than in comics. Action comedy, starring Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Chloe Grace Moretz.

12.25 Film: Berberian Sound Studio. (2012) **1.55** Southland. **2.40** Utopia. (R) **3.35** Just Not Cricket. (R) **3.40** Four Rooms. (R) **4.35** Hugh's 3 Good Things. (R) **5.05** SuperScrimpers. (R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.15** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.10** Access. **11.20** Meerkat Manor. (R) **11.50 Film:** Ace Ventura: Pet Detective. (1994) **1.35 Film:** Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment. (1985) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Guttenberg. **3.15 Film:** Wild Wild West. (1999) Sci-fi Western comedy, starring Will Smith. **5.10 Film:** The Time Machine. (2002) Sci-fi adventure.

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket on 5: ODI England v Sri Lanka. England v Sri Lanka. Mark Nicholas presents action from the second fixture in the one-day series, which took place at the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground.

8.00 Film: Ghost Rider. (2007) Motorcycle stuntman Johnny Blaze sells his soul to diabolical Mephistopheles to save the life of his father. His bargain dooms him to pass each night as Ghost Rider, a demonic skeletal biker bound to take evil souls to Hell. However, conflict between Mephistopheles and his son offers Johnny the chance to win back his humanity. Fantasy thriller based on the comic-book, starring Nicolas Cage.

10.00 Film: Drive Angry. (2011) A man breaks out of Hell to track down the cult leader who has murdered his daughter and plans to sacrifice her baby. Fantasy thriller, starring Nicolas Cage and Amber Heard.

11.55 Car Crime UK: Caught on Camera. How CCTV and technological advances are helping tackle the problem of vehicle theft, including footage that helped put an end to one of London's most prolific gangs. (R)

12.55 SuperCasino. **3.05** Classic Car Rescue. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show.

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Rita Ora & London Grammar @ R1BW **8.00** Tinie Tempah & Kings of Leon @R1BW **9.00** Paolo Nutini & Kasabian @R1BW **10.00** In the Flesh **11.00** Katy Perry @R1BW **12.00** Family Guy **12.45** In the Flesh **1.45** Tyger Takes on the Perfect Body **2.45** Great Movie Mistakes – Not in 3D **3.00** In the Flesh **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 The Mysterious Mr Webster **8.00** The Duchess of Malfi: BBC Arts at the Globe **10.30** Secret Voices of Hollywood **12.00** Nat King Cole: Afraid of the Dark **1.30** Legends: Herb Alpert – Tijuana Brass and Other Delights **2.30** Queens of Jazz: The Joy and Pain of the Jazz Divas **3.30** Sounds of the 70s 2: Art House Glam – Get in the Swing **3.40** Close

ITV2
11.45 Ashley Roberts: The Hot Desk **11.55** Totally You've Been Framed! **12.55** You've Been Framed! **1.25 Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **3.10 Film:** The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) **5.45 Film:** Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980) **8.15** Britain's Got More Talent **9.20** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! **10.00** Viral Tap **10.45** Britain's Got Talent **12.00** Britain's Got More Talent **1.05** Mom **1.50** The Vampire Diaries **2.35** Life's Funniest Moments

ITV3
11.40 Agatha Christie's Marple **1.45** Rosemary & Thyme **2.45** Live French Open Tennis. **8.00** Lewis **12.05 Film:** The Human Stain (2003) **2.15** William and Mary **3.15** Judge Judy **3.35** ITV3 Nightscreen **4.00** Emmerdale

ITV4
3.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. **7.55** French Open Tennis **9.00 Film:** Serenity (2005) **11.25 Film:** Child's Play 2 (1990) **1.10** Monaco Historic Grand Prix 2014 **2.10** Motorway Patrol **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.30 Youngers **1.00** Made in Chelsea **2.05** Revenge **3.00** How I Met Your Mother **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.00** The Tomorrow People **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Troy **8.00 Film:** Romancing the Stone (1984) **10.10** The Inbetweeners **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.10** Rude Tube **1.15** Troy **2.15** Rules of Engagement **3.00** 2 Broke Girls

Film4
11.00 The Long Arm (1956) **1.00** Leap Year (2010) **2.55** Warlords of Atlantis (1978) **4.50** Big (1988) **6.55** Step Up (2006) **9.00** Friends with Benefits (2011) **11.10** Fatal Attraction (1987) **1.30** The Serpent (2006) **3.55** Close

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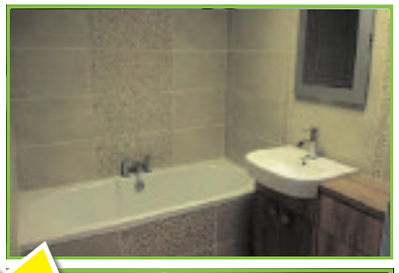

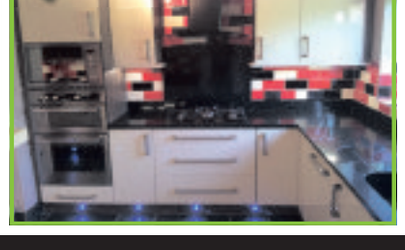

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Film Choices

MONDAY
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides, BBC1, 8pm
Captain Jack Sparrow sets sail in search of the legendary fountain of youth. His mission puts him up against a mysterious woman from his past, old enemy Barbossa, now in the employ of the British Navy, and the most feared pirate of them all, the dreaded Blackbeard. Fantasy adventure sequel, with Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz and Ian McShane. (2011)

TUESDAY
White Oleander, BBC1, 11.45pm
A 15-year-old girl's happy life is thrown into upheaval when her mother is sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering her lover. Astrid spends the rest of her adolescence drifting from one foster home to another, but her mother remains a constant influence in her life. Drama based on Janet Fitch's novel, starring Alison Lohman, Michelle Pfeiffer, Renee Zellweger, Robin Wright and Billy Connolly. (2002)

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides, Monday, BBC1, 8pm

WEDNESDAY
Total Recall, ITV, 11.10pm
A construction worker pays to have fake memories of a dream holiday implanted into his brain, but discovers his mind has already been tampered with - apparently to erase his true identity as a secret agent from a colony on Mars. He journeys to the planet in search of the truth, but is drawn into a conflict between the tyrannical ruler and a rebel faction. Paul Verhoeven's sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. (1990)

THURSDAY
The Crossing Guard, BBC1, 11.35pm
A grieving father waits for the drink-driver who killed his daughter to get out of prison then tries to kill him. He fails, but his target is so guilt-ridden he believes he deserves to die in retribution for his crime. The pair agree to three days' grace to put their affairs in order, during which time both men face up to past mistakes and broken relationships. Sean Penn's drama, with Jack Nicholson, David Morse and Robin Wright. (1995)

FRIDAY
Casino Royale, ITV, 10.45pm
James Bond achieves his '00' status and is dispatched on the trail of Le Chiffre, an international criminal financing terrorist organisations around the world. Bond's investigation leads to a casino in Montenegro, where he takes part in a high-stakes poker game in a bid to bankrupt Le Chiffre and put an end to his plans. Spy thriller, directed by Martin Campbell and starring Daniel Craig in his first outing as 007. (2006)

Pick of the Week

Family matters to Gabriel in new series

Gabriel Byrne may have lived in the States for some time, but when he was offered the chance to return to Dublin for this new series, he jumped at it – and it's little wonder.

Based on John Banville's thrillers, the series has gone down a treat in its native, but now the Beeb has snapped it up, in a major Anglo-Irish co-production, we get to see for ourselves what all the fuss is about. And if you like your thrillers dark and mysterious, it won't disappoint.

Quirke opens in the late autumn of 1956, where a hungover city pathologist known only as 'Quirke' (we never get to know his Christian name) stumbles from a late-night party in the nurses' quarters. He hopes to sleep in his subterranean pathology lab. However, his adoptive brother, obstetric consultant Malachy Griffin, is at our hero's desk completing paperwork for Christine Falls, a recently deceased patient.

When Quirke returns the following morning, Christine's body is gone and the medical expert is curious about his brother's strange behaviour. Further investigation suggests Mal was the father of Christine's child, and he believes the youngster has been spirited away to America under the wing of the Catholic Church.

Quirke follows the trail to Boston, accompanying Mal's daughter – Quirke's niece Phoebe – on a last visit to her ailing grandfather. He eventually uncovers the truth about a family secret that has remained buried for nearly two decades.

Byrne explains of his alter ego: "I think that most people can relate to a wounded past. Some people are more adept at dealing with it, and some people are much more delicate and sensitive and I think Quirke is one of those people who hides his vulnerability and his pain underneath and exterior of detachment.

"His work as a pathologist; I always thought he was much at home among the dead than he is with the living and for him, in a strange way, the dead are still living creatures and he's the last one really to take care of them so that space where he works is very sacred to him."

It helps that Byrne's passionate about the genre in which the series falls, as he says: "Mystery and enigma are fascinating because it forces the audience to raise questions about the character. That's not to say that all characters are enigmatic and mysterious - some are very obvious - but I like the idea of hiding in plain sight and allowing the audience to play that game with you."

Like Jack Reacher fans smarting over the fact Tom Cruise played their giant of a literary hero a couple of years ago, fans of the Banville novels may take umbridge at the fact Gabriel isn't 6ft 4in, doesn't have the feet of a dancer or blond hair. It scarcely matters. Byrne is compelling in the lead, and with a supporting cast including Michael Gambon, you know you're in safe hands.

Gabriel Byrne heads the cast of Quirke, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
Britain's Got Talent
ITV, 7.30pm
Ant and Dec present the first live semi-final, which sees nine of the 45 chosen acts compete to impress the judges and secure the all-important viewers' vote. At stake is the chance to appear at this year's Royal Variety Performance and win a life-changing cash prize of £250,000, but first the contestants have to win one of two coveted places available in the final. And if things don't go to plan on stage, the hopefuls can still be buzzed off - so the pressure is on to prove they've got what it takes

What the Dambusters Did Next
Channel 5, 9pm
What better film for a Bank Holiday Monday than a rousing, fact-based wartime drama? The Dam Busters certainly meets that remit, and sure enough Channel 5 are treating us to that classic Michael Redgrave and Richard Todd flagwaver this evening. But have you ever wondered what became of the brave pilots of 617 Squadron after Operation Chastise, the famous May 1943 raids on the Ruhr and Eder valleys? This documentary combines archive footage, testimony from veterans and experts, and dramatic reconstructions to recap the events of 1943, and examine some of the squadron's subsequent missions. They include a daring night-time bombing raid on a strategically important canal, during which the crews faced a ferocious barrage of anti-aircraft defences.

TUESDAY
Welcome to Rio
BBC2, 9pm
You'd have to have been living under a very large, soundproofed rock to have not noticed that the world is football mad this year, thanks to the 2014 World Cup – and all eyes are on Rio de Janeiro. But this stunning series isn't about the football – it's about the lives of the city's residents, and the daily goings-on in the favelas. As Rio prepares for the World Cup and the Olympics, the Brazilian government has launched a military campaign to wrest control of the areas from drugs gangs; a process known as Pacification. This first instalment comes from one of the first favelas to be pacified, Cantagalo, and one of its residents, Rocky, is a delivery man who works everyday, hauling fridges, ovens and televisions on his shoulders, to support his family.

WEDNESDAY
Del Boys & Dealers
BBC1, 9pm
It's probably a bit unfair to describe the people featured on this programme as 'Del Boys'. You could, however, argue that some of them are a tad eccentric. Take Sharon and Al, for instance. They usually deal in novelty goods and use a hearse as their premier mode of transport – perhaps they're big fans of The Munsters. They're travelling to France in it this week, where they hope grab some great deals at a local auction, despite not knowing the lingo. Canterbury women Stevie and Denise have a more down-to-earth approach to raising funds – they bought a bundle of second-hand clothes at auction and are literally hoping to turn rags to riches via a market stall.

Live International Football, Friday, ITV, 7.30pm

THURSDAY
Meet the Police Commissioner
Channel 4, 9pm
Just two years ago, police forces up and down the country felt the biggest shake-up for 50 years when elections resulted in the appointment of 41 Police and Crime Commissioners – a venture which cost £75million, but strangely enough, resulted in the lowest voting turnout since the Second World War. Consequently, the small turnout meant that some obscure, perhaps 'eccentric' candidates were voted in. This Cutting Edge documentary hears from Ann Barnes, Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent, who was initially against the introduction of PCCs, adamant that the whole idea was naïve. However, she later decided to offer herself forward as a potential for the role. Her first year in office has been tumultuous, to say the least...

Burning Desire: The Seduction of Smoking
BBC2, 9.30pm
Despite a growing number of people trying to quit with latest trending aids, cigarettes are still big business. Given that, Peter Tayler is a man on a mission. In this new series, the journalist and documentary-maker travels to Australia to look at the industry's last-ditch attempt to prevent plain packaging. He is allowed rare access to the world's second biggest tobacco company, and explores the reason behind the fact that on a daily basis, thousands of young people around the world are still being seduced by the allure of smoking.

FRIDAY
Live International Football
ITV, 7.30pm
England welcome Peru to Wembley Stadium for their final home friendly before the World Cup. Roy Hodgson's men also have fixtures arranged with Ecuador and Honduras before their campaign in Brazil gets under way against Italy, and the players will be looking to ensure they put themselves in pole position to start against the Azzurri. Among those who will be particularly desperate to impress the manager are Raheem Sterling, Adam Lallana and Ross Barkley, who have all enjoyed strong Premier League campaigns but are yet to become regular starters for their country. The performances of left-backs Leighton Baines and Luke Shaw also seem likely to generate a lot of interest in the build-up to the finals, as their domestic form convinced Hodgson there was no place in the squad for long-time international stalwart Ashley Cole.

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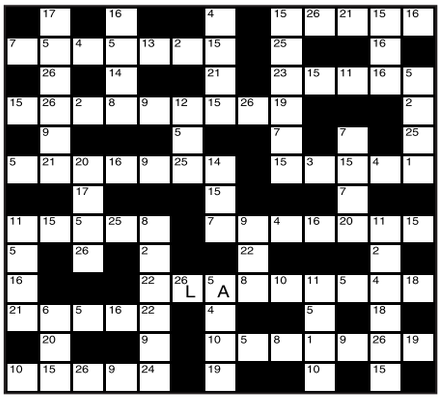

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Double Crossword

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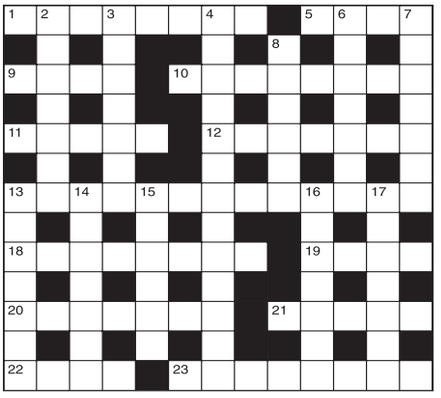

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Do much better than pupils in the open air? (8)
5. She gives help to a thousand (4)
9. I object to article which is low (4)
10. Potentially explosive journal? (8)
11. The French doctor with no head for fruit (5)
12. Hanging around, monarch finds bird sound lacking in colour (7)
13. What Adam's ale might make an alcoholic? (2,4,2,5)
18. What the ark may have been for tourists? (8)
19. Helps, because I would be in it (4)
20. This flower could be a big one (7)
21. 11's other fruit (5)
22. The last big things in the car? (4)
23. Sound one's aitches like a buccaneer? (8)

Down

2. It's no good to reduce one's intake! (7)
3. Offer comfort at the organ? (7)
4. Letters from the lesser chief cities (5,8)
6. Nature worshipper provides its main problem (7)
7. Doctor on the brink of taking redhead on digger (7)
8. One vegetable may spoil a whole line (6)
13. Pleasant, like a loud story? (7)
14. Red gown badly treated (7)
15. Intense study in painting (6)
16. A graduate, true, is different - he's not professional! (7)
17. Extreme finish to the greater part (7)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Condescending (8)
5. Standard (4)
9. Presently (4)
10. Reveal (8)
11. Arbour (5)
12. Equipage (7)
13. Accidentally (13)
18. Roomy (8)
19. Left (4)
20. Increase (7)
21. Exclude (5)
22. Volume (4)
23. Extra (8)

Down

2. Exhausted (3-4)
3. Strive (7)
4. Continuous (13)
6. Sentinel (7)
7. Very much (7)
8. Uncommon (6)
13. Immediate (7)
14. Mixture (7)
15. Masked (6)
16. Disregard (7)
17. Ages back (4,3)

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Purest; 4 Lathes; 9 Richard Wagner; 10 Erratic; 11 Arrow; 12 Abase; 14 Study; 18 Cheer; 19 Low gear; 21 Make nothing of; 22 Server; 23 Sentry. Down: 1 Porter; 2 Record-breaker; 3 Start; 5 Adamant; 6 Hundredweight; 7 Screws; 8 Edict; 13 Strange; 15 Scamps; 16 Cloth; 17 Crafty; 20 Waive. QUICK - Across: 1 Climbs; 4 Sticky; 9 Recalcitrance; 10 Lenient; 11 Emend; 12 Begun; 14 Steps; 18 Adult; 19 Inflate; 21 Consideration; 22 Steady; 23 Leaned. Down: 1 Curdle; 2 Inconsequence; 3 Bulge; 5 Torment; 6 Contemplation; 7 Yields; 8 Mirth; 13 Untried; 15 Lances; 16 Miner; 17 Penned; 20 Flare.

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Mitsubishi makes mark with its new hybrid SUV

By Bill McCarthy

Plug-in hybrids are moving the game on in the war against excessive fuel consumption. Mitsubishi's new Outlander hybrid isn't the usual high-price, early adopter-friendly offering, as it boasts a sensible money price tag and real-world versatility

While Mitsubishi's latest Outlander offers a pleasingly revised and refined ownership experience, this model is a little different as it's a plug-in hybrid variant.

Mitsubishi might not have the same track record as the likes of Toyota when it comes to hybrid motoring, but this Outlander hits the ground running with boasts of 100-plus mile fuel economy figures and ultra low CO2 ratings.

Mitsubishi has opted for a petrol-electric set-up, which is claimed to offer high levels of refinement along with the low running costs. The car's 2.0-litre engine partners with two electric motors – one at each end – to drive the Outlander.

All-wheel drive performance is retained despite the absence of a propshaft, while the car can automatically channel power where it's needed, such as a front-wheel drive mode for undemanding urban duties.

A press of a button transforms this Outlander into a surprisingly capable 4x4, proving no less able than its diesel-powered stablemates.

This activity-focused approach continues inside, where there's ample space for five in the practical cabin. The hybrid hardware has resulted in the removal of the regular car's third row of seats, but the upshot is a flat, wide load space.

The Outlander's streamlined exterior is a welcome change to the usual rough and rugged theme demonstrated by many of its rivals. It's not all for looks alone, as this approach makes the Outlander a slippery beast – something that should help with its overall economy performance.

Famous more for purposeful off-roaders and turbo-nutter rally replicas, Mitsubishi doesn't have much of a track record when it comes to alternatively-fuelled transport. Thankfully the engineers in Japan have caught up quickly with the more switched-on European car makers, and the Outlander PHEV is a surprisingly accomplished first attempt.

Spacious

If the only complaint is that you sacrifice the regular Outlander's third row of seats to make way for the hybrid hardware, then Mitsubishi has little to worry about. The car's cabin is spacious and practical; there's ample oddments storage space, head and legroom fore and aft plus that previously mentioned wide, flat load space.

The Outlander's durable but classy cabin materials should easily resist the rigours of family life, while the powered tailgate is a nice, practical touch.

In real terms the hybrid Outlander behaves a lot like a regular model, although the quiet running on electric power is something of a giveaway. It's an easy car to drive irrespective of the power source in use, and the beauty of the hybrid is that it takes care of everything irrespective of the road conditions.

The regenerative braking can be dialled up so you almost don't need to touch the brake pedal – a useful characteristic for urban driving, although it does take a bit of getting used to.

What's also clever is this Outlander's off-roading skills, as the two electric motors work together to deliver a total-traction experience akin to that of a diesel Outlander but without the need for a bulky propshaft. Keeping you informed is a clear and colourful display detailing the car's various systems, from which way the energy is flowing to reams of data outlining fuel economy and eco performance.

Plug-in hybrids aren't known for being cheap, but Mitsubishi has dealt a blow to the opposition by pegging the Outlander's price to that of the comparable diesel-powered model.

There's a small line-up boasting good to generous levels of kit, while the main attraction for business users will be the car's tax-efficient properties: low running costs, zero congestion charge rating and ability to offset the car's cost against business activities. Factor in the potential ability to commute on electric power alone and charge up on low-cost electricity, and the hybrid Outlander starts to make sense.

There's no denying that the hybrid Outlander is likely to appeal mainly to business users. If you want family-friendly practicality, the ability to go off-road and tow, plus minimise your tax outlay, this petrol-electric plug-in Outlander deserves serious consideration too. You'll need to do the sums but, with a modest asking price compared to its rivals, there's every chance it'll trump a diesel SUV in terms of running costs if you spend a lot of time in the city.

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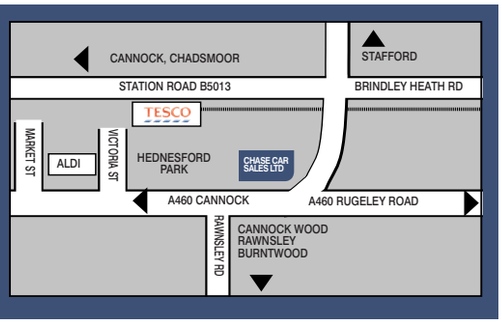

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Double success for Fiat

Trade Van Driver, the UK's top van magazine for small business users, has named the Fiat Professional line-up 'Best Trade Van Range' in the Trade Van Driver Awards.

The magazine, which is the only publication to cater specifically for owner-drivers and small fleet operators, also named the Fiat Doblò Work Up as the 'Best Small Pick Up' in the 2014 awards.

Both trophies were presented to Sebastiano Fedrigo, director, Flat Professional UK, by Matthew Eisenegger, editor of Trade Van Driver, at the 2014 Commercial Vehicle show, at The NEC Birmingham.

Adjudicated not only by a team of expert TVD journalists but also by a panel of readers who use light commercial vehicles as an integral part of their businesses, the awards offer a true reflection of the sentiments of those customers who use their commercial vehicles day to day.

Commenting on the Fiat Professional range, the panel noted: "The needs of trade users are many and varied, and Fiat Professional has taken massive strides in the past few years towards fulfilling all those requirements. Fiat Professional offers a superb range of models and has a real 'can do' attitude towards trade buyers."

Commenting on the second successive win for the Fiat Doblò Work Up, the jury noted that since winning last year "…no-one has come up with a better alternative."

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Please note that the deadline for our weekly Cannock Chronicle is 11.30am every Tuesday for the same weeks edition.

BEESTON
Ruth Mary
Of Cannock.

Sadly passed away May 12, at Stafford Hospital, aged 84 years, peacefully holding her Son's hand, Nigel, at 10.25pm.

Go on your way now Mom and reunite with Dad, Ron and my Brother Chris.

Don't wait up you three, I may be a while yet.

I love you all and I will see you later.

Nigel.

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We were there with you Mom Ruth when you closed your eyes.

A courageous, loving and generous lady.

You will be sadly missed by us all.

From Nickie, Nigel's Wife.

Grandma

Our hearts are broken losing you but we know you are at peace now.

We cherished every moment that we shared.

From your everloving Grandchildren Harriet, Joseph and Edward.

Mom

BEESTON
Ruth Mary
Mom

I have had a wonderful life with you and now I am going off to live with Dot and Ken next door because they are as lovely as you.

Loads of licks.

Jenny the dog.

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Always In Our Hearts.

With love.

From Daughter-in-law Mary, Grandson Matthew, Andrea and Neve and Grandson Christopher and Victoria.

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I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all our Family and Friends, for all your support.

You have given us the strength we needed.

Nigel and Nickie.

Ruth's Funeral Service will take place at 2pm, Tuesday, May 27, at Stafford Crematorium.

Everyone is welcome to Celebrate Ruth's life afterwards at The Soldiers Club in Hednesford.

Family flowers only but donations would be appreciated for The British Lung Foundation c/o

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HARVEY
Matt

Of Heath Hayes, passed away peacefully at his home, on May 13, aged 70 years.

The devoted Husband of Rose, also a loving Dad, Grandad, Brother, Uncle, Father-in-law and Friend.

Service will be held at Stafford Crematorium, on Thursday, May 22, at 3pm.

Flowers welcome or donations to Air Ambulance c/o Funeral Directors.

The Funeral care has been entrusted to

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HODGKINSON
Rita

Passed away peacefully on May 12, 2014, at Stafford Hospital, aged 75 years.

She will be very sadly missed by all her loving Family and Friends.

Funeral Service to take place 10am, on Friday, May 23, 2014, at St Michael's Church, Brereton, followed by Burial in the Churchyard.

Floral tributes accepted or if preferred, donations for Critical Care Unit, Stafford Hospital c/o

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Rugeley
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JANUSZ
Gladys

Passed away peacefully at New Cross Hospital, on May 8, 2014, aged 93.

Reunited with Eric and Vin.

Sleep well in eternal peace, will miss you, God bless.

Niece Pauline and Geoff, Fiona, Lyall, Patrick and Alex, Julie and Paul.

KENNETT
Barbara

Passed away peacefully on May 17, aged 71 years.

Will be sadly missed by Daughter Tracey, Son-in-law Paul and Granddaughter Natalie.

Funeral Service to take place at St. Peters Church, Hednesford, on Friday, May 23, at 4pm, followed by Interment in the Churchyard.

It is at Barbara's request that black is not worn.

Further inquiries to

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Family Funeral Directors
30 Greenheath Road
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MEARS
Roy

Sadly passed away losing his two year battle against Cancer on Saturday May 17, 2014, aged 64 years.

The Funeral Service will be held at Stafford Crematorium on Thursday, May 29, at 10am, followed by a celebrations of his life at The Flaggin Duck.

All are welcome to attend.

Flowers or donations can be made on the day to Cancer Research UK.

NICHOLLS
Fred

Devoted Husband to Joyce.

Sad is the heart that loved you, sad are my tears that fall but living my life without you is the saddest part of all.

God bless.

Your loving Wife Joyce.

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RICHARDS
Doris

Passed away peacefully at Vicarage Court Nursing Home, on Sunday, May 18, 2014, aged 89 years.

The Funeral Service will take place at 11.30am on May 28, 2014, at Chadsmoor Methodist Church, followed by Burial at Cannock Cemetery.

SCOTT
Susan

Passed away peacefully on Friday, May 16, 2014, aged 73 years.

Funeral Service to take on Friday, May 30, 9.30am at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Cannock.

Family flowers only, donations if desired for Katharine House Hospice.

No black please.

Missed by all the Family.

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SMITH

Nina

Passed away peacefully on May 13, 2014.

The Funeral Service to be held at St Mark's Church, Great Wyrley, Thursday, May 29, 2014, at 10.45am, followed by Committal at Stafford Crematorium, at 12 noon.

Family flowers only please.

Donations to be collected in Church for Children's Society.

All inquiries to

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STEWART

Stella

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Sadly missed by her Family and Friends.

Funeral Service to take place on Wednesday, May 28, at Stafford Crematorium, at 3.30pm.

Donations if desired to Dementia UK.

Further inquiries to

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WITTS

Ada

Passed away peacefully, May 11, 2014, aged 84 years.

She will be sadly missed by all her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place on Thursday, May 29, at Stafford Crematorium, at 10.30am.

Family flowers only please, donations for Katharine House Hospice c/o

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in memoriam

MATTHEWS

Ann

Six years May 26, 2014.

It's still hard to believe you're no longer here, you were our Mom, so precious and dear, we miss you more and more every day, more than words could ever say.

Love you always.

Love, Em, Jase, June and all the Grandkids.

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birthday remembrances

MYRING

Yvonne

Happy birthday May 20.

No length of time can ease our pain, our love for you is just the same.

Love, Colin, Phillip, Paul, Demi and Brandon.

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MYRING

Yvonne

Happy birthday to a dear Sister May 20.

We miss you so much.

Love, Dorothy, John and the Family.

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MYRING

Yvonne

May 20

Dear Sister, thinking of you on your birthday.

But that's nothing new, we do it every day.

Love Malcolm and Kay.

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acknowledgements

SIMKISS

June

Husband Ted and Family of the late June Simkiss would like to thank all Relatives, Neighbours and Friends for their kind expressions of sympathy during this very sad time.

Donations of approx £500 will be shared and taken to St. Giles' Hospice and Katharine House Hospice.

Thank you all.

coming of age

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Abigail Edwards

Congratulations Abi on your 21st birthday on May 28th.

Enjoy your garden party.

Love and best wishes, Dad, Mom, Brad, Georg, Matthew, Sean and Grandad.

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Lauren Cowley
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ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
VARIOUS ROADS (A5 CHURCHBRIDGE PINCH POINT SCHEME) CANNOCK
DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council, on 20 May 2014 made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in the following lengths of roads between the junctions stated unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the Highways Agency A5 Churchbridge Pinch Point works or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes.

Schedule of Roads to which this Order applies:

A460 Eastern Way, Cannock - Between it's junctions with A460 Lodge Lane Island, A460 Eastern Way Island and M6 Toll Island

A34 Walsall Road, Cannock - Between it's junctions with Green Lane, Cannock and A460 Eastern Way Island

U5051 Bridge Street, Cannock - From outside the Stumble Inn PH (Bridge Street) and the A34 Walsall Road, Cannock

A460 Lodge Lane, Cheslyn Hay and Cannock - Between it's junctions with A460 Eastern Way, Cannock and C161 Saredon Road Island

A34 Walsall Road, Great Wyrley - Between it's junctions with Eliot Drive, Churchbridge and A5 Watling Street, Cannock

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THE ORDER WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON 27 MAY 2014, AND THE SAID WORKS WILL COMMENCE ON OR AS NEAR AS PRACTICABLE TO THAT DATE. IT IS ENVISAGED THAT TRAFFIC PROHIBITIONS WILL BE IN OPERATION DURING THE FOLLOWING TIMES BUT MAY BE IMPLEMENTED OVER 24 HOUR PERIODS IF REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SAFETY.

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It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 19th October 2014.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the Churchbridge Pinch Point Scheme works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the roads, have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

John Tradewell, Director of Democracy, Law and Transformation
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Date: 22 May 2014

For more information about the A5 Churchbridge Cannock Island Improvements visit: www.highways.gov.uk
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Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (As Amended)
Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991
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DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council, on 20 May 2014, made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of St Pauls Road, Rugeley from its junction with A460 Horse Fair to its junction with Lichfield Street, a distance of approximately 95 metres unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works. Limited vehicular access will be available from the A460 Horse Fair end only. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

The preferred alternative route for traffic will be available via Forge Road, Bryans Lane, Market Street, B5013 Anson Street and B5013 Elmore Lane.

THE ORDER WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON 26 MAY 2014, AND THE SAID WORKS WILL COMMENCE ON OR AS NEAR AS PRACTICABLE TO THAT DATE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE WORKS WILL BE COMPLETED BY 23 JUNE 2014.

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Date: 22 May 2014

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004

THE STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CANNOCK CHASE) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CONVERSION) ORDER 2009 (AMENDMENT) NO. 16/2014

1. Staffordshire County Council on 20 May 2014 made a Traffic Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 47, 49, 53, 124 (1)(d) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and the Traffic Management Act 2004 which:
   (a) prevents you from parking your vehicle at any time on the following lengths of roads:
   Sheep Fair, Rugeley (north side) – from a point approximately 16 metres south east of the junction with Lion Street, Rugeley in a north westerly direction for a distance of approximately 32 metres.
   Lion Street, Rugeley (both sides) – from its junction with Sheep Fair in a north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 6 metres.
2. Exceptions permit waiting for the purposes of taking up and setting down passengers; loading or unloading goods; for vehicles displaying a Disabled Person's Badge; and where necessary in connection with the maintenance of roads and the supply of gas, electricity, telephones, sewerage services and water and in the service of the Environment Agency; for emergency service vehicles; for vehicles being used for the provision of a universal postal service by a universal service provider; for buses waiting at an authorised bus stop; for vehicles being used for floods defence works or land drainage works; and for so long as is reasonably necessary in connection with any wedding or funeral.
3. This Order amends the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009.
4. This Order is called the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009 (Amendment) No. 16/2014.
5. This Order amends the Plan marked BU 209 incorporating waiting restrictions on those roads specified in Article No. 1 above and which form part of the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009 and in substitution thereof.
6. Full details of the Order, together with a map showing the roads involved, may be examined during normal office hours at the office of the Deputy Chief Executive & Director for Place; 1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2LP and during normal opening hours at Rugeley Library, Anson Street, Rugeley, Staffordshire or via the internet at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders.
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(A)
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A5 Trunk Road and the M6 Toll Motorway, at Churchbridge near Cannock in the County of Staffordshire, to allow work to take place designed to improve traffic flow through the junction.

The effect of the Order will be to close at different times –

a) the circulatory carriageway at the roundabout junction of the A5/A34, A460 and the slip road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the M6 Toll (known as M6 Toll Roundabout);
b) the circulatory carriageway at the roundabout junction of the A460 Lodge Lane, A5, A34 Walsall Road and A460 Eastern Way (known as Lodge Lane Roundabout);
c) the circulatory carriageway at the roundabout junction with the slip road leading from the westbound carriageway of the M6 Toll, A5 and A34 Walsall Road (known as Great Wyrley Roundabout);
d) the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the link road leading from the M6 Toll Roundabout to Lodge Lane Roundabout;
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i) the slip road leading from the westbound carriageway of the M6 Toll to Great Wyrley Roundabout.

Work will be carried out in phases and overnight as follows: Monday to Thursday 21:30 hours to 05:30 hours; Friday 21:30 hours to 09:30 hours; Saturday 17:30 hours to 09:30 hours; Sunday 17:30 hours to 05:30 hours, and is expected to start on Monday 30 June 2014 and continue for approximately five months. The Order will come into force on Monday 23 June 2014.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade, or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closures. Diversion routes using the A460, A5, B4154, A5190 Cannock Road, A5190 Lichfield Road, M6 Toll Junction T8, A34, A4124 Bell Lane, B4210, B4210 Broad Lane, A462 Warstone Road, M6 Junction 11, A452 Chester Road North, Delta Way and A4601 Wolverhampton Road as necessary will be signed.

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Richards revives glory of cup win

MEMBERS of Wolves' League Cup winning team of 1974 are to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their Wembley victory with a charity golf day.

John Richards, who scored the winner against Manchester City in the final, has organised the reunion, at Shifnal Golf Club next Thursday.

He has linked up with his friend and Shifnal captain Dave Butler to add a League Cup final theme to a competition featuring teams of four.

Phil Parkes, Geoff Palmer, Kenny Hibbitt – who scored the opening goal in the final - Steve Daley, Steve Kindon, Willie Carr and Richards are all due to attend.

"A couple of lads can't make it but we have asked others along and are waiting to hear back from Mike Bailey and Gerry Taylor," said Richards, who knows Butler from the 10 years he spent as patron of the New Cross Hospital Kidney Patients Association."

The event will raise money for the Severn Hospice charity.

Entry is £260 for a team of four, with the choice of a former Wolves player on a first come, first served basis. It starts at 1.30pm.

Contact Dave Butler on 01952 691248.

Mixed emotions thanks to late winner

Hockey

AFTER winning the country's premier cup competition, Cannock Hockey Club continue to strive for further cup honours.

At the weekend it was the turn of the Mixed Hockey Team to attempt to achieve a double by winning the National Mixed Hockey Cup two years in succession.

The team travelled three hours into deepest Suffolk to take on Harleston Magpies.

Cannock opened the scoring with a goal from Lewis Jecketts.

Then Harleston found their touch and soon after produced an equaliser from a short corner deflection. The game swung from end to end throughout the half with Harleston eventually finding the net before half time, to edge into the lead going into the break.

As the second half got under way Cannock were left stunned as the home side quickly went 4-1 up, with another goal coming from a penalty corner and the fourth coming from a penalty flick, given away by some strongarm tactics from goal scorer Jecketts. The partisan home crowd, who were now brimming with confidence, started to taunt the Cannock side, reminding them it would be a long journey home on the back of such a defeat.

However, captain Andy Hodgetts then played his joker and pushed an extra player into midfield.

Pushed

The Cannock faithful were spurred into action as a dynamic four-minute spell saw them bag three goals in succession, through Arjun Chana, Lucy Spencer and Dave Harris, to level the score. With Harleston suddenly on the back foot and their supporters reduced to silence, Cannock pushed on to find the winner and take the match away from their opponents.

With three minutes remaining, Chana took the ball on the half way line, squeezed passed several Harleston players to find himself one-on-one with the keeper.

Chana coolly rounded the keeper to slot home the winner to give Cannock something to celebrate.

This win has secured Cannock's appearance in the finals for the second year, in Sheffield, in three weeks' time.

Goalie is hero of penalty shoot-out

Wednesfield 1
W-ton SC 1
(aet, W-field won 4-3 on pens)

SAM ARNOLD was Wednesfield's hero saving two penalties as he helped his side clinch a place in the West Midlands League Premier Division Cup Semi Final.

Wednesfield were also denied two penalty claims in a close fought game as Wednesfield and Sporting Community's defences dominated.

After a goalless first half Sporting broke the deadlock in the 77th minute.

James Quarry's 30 yard free kick took a deflection in a packed goalmouth for the ball to fall kindly to Tony Onocha to prod home from six yards.

Wednesfield hit bakc to equalised six minutes later through substitute Ben Sanderson after good work by Josh Jones, substitute Same Giles and Ricky Nicholls.

Normal time ended 1-1 and both teams had chances to score during extra time but failed and the game went to a penalty shoot-out

With the score at 3-3 Arnold stole the lime light by saving Ray Facey and Marlon Taylor shots.

Wednesfield now face Black Country Rangers.

Palmer excited over Pitmen cup reunion

FORMER Hednesford Town captain Steve Palmer has spoken of his excitement at the Pitmen's 10-year FA Trophy reunion tomorrow (Friday).

Palmer speaking during a meeting to organise the running order of the reunion, said he was excited at being involved in marking what was a momentous day for the Keys Park outfit.

Despite missing the Villa Park showpiece through suspension, Palmer was club captain during the season and has fond memories of how a squad which, against all the odds and despite indifferent league form, beat favourites Canvey Island 3-2 to claim the trophy for the first time in the club's history.

"There were games during that cup run, let alone the final which was dramatic in itself, that really do stick in the mind of all the players," he said.

Admits

"To be able to get together after a decade as a squad is fantastic and I'm sure we will all be recalling the matches very quickly.'

Palmer is now manager of Wolverhampton side AFC Wulfrunians and the former midfielder admits that it is very difficult to stay in touch with every former team mate.

So the fact that almost the whole squad is expected to attend next week will make for a really special occasion for the players and the fans.

"We have all got families, management duties and work commitments now so it will be a fantastic opportunity for us all to reminisce and the fans will hear some great stories from behind the scenes as the squad reached, prepared for and won the final," he said.

Football

The event will be hosted by Radio WM's Daz Hale, with a great line up of former players including Chris Brindley, Les Hines and Anthony Maguire along with the manager at the time, Barry Powell.

The night will be split into two sections, with a selection of stories and anecdotes from early rounds through to the famous two-leg semi final,.

The second half of the event will be devoted to the glorious day at Villa Park when Chris Brindley cemented his place as a Pitmen legend with that unforgettable late winner.

Tickets for the event are available on the door or in advance, costing £5 for Supporters Association members and £7 for non-SA members.

The price also includes refreshments during the interval and the chance to once again see the FA Trophy itself, which is on loan thanks to help from the Football Association.

Hednesford reward their heroes of the season

Darren Campion picks up manager's player of the year for John Disney

Tom and Ryan Bailey presented the Ian Bailey Supporters Player of the Season to Jamey Osborne on the night

Darren Campion presents Osborne with Players Player of the Season

Ken Leese presents Tom Thorley with his Player of the Year award

Ryan Bailey presents Kris Taylor with Player of the Season runner up

Scott Smith presenting Rob with a letter of thanks from the SA

Trevor Evans presented Danny Glover with Goal of the Season

Bowlers squeeze opposition

FIRST game of the season saw Cannock's Under-11s drawn against local opposition Milford Hall in the ECB County Cup (round 1).

Batting first, Cannock struggled against some excellent bowling, particularly from Ben Stolworthy, who ended up with four wickets for just six runs. Only Matty Hill (11) and Billy Cassidy (18) pushed the total to 61-9 after their 20 overs.

It was with the ball where Cannock's juniors really impressed.

Having to defend such a small total was never going to be easy, but defend it they did, bowling just six wides and restricting the visitors to 51-6 from their 20 overs, and giving Cannock the victory by 10 runs.

Casuals boss quits for Hinckley

WOLVERHAMPTON Casuals manager Carl Abbott has left the West Midlands League Premier Division club by mutual agreement.

Abbott, who has been with the club for two years, has taken over as manager of Hinckley United.

He will be succeeded by former Hednesford Town favourite and ex-Chasetown boss Kevin Foster ahead of tonight's (Thursday) Premier Division Cup semi-final at Ellesmere Rangers.

Abbott took them to the JW Hunt Cup final last season and led them to third in the league this term.

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Handball coach is proud in defeat

OLYMPIA Cannock handball team did themselves proud despite defeat against NE Manchester Hawks last weekend.

The youngsters, with eight players aged 14 or younger, lost 21-11 at London Olympic venue the Copper Box. But they performed with distinction for coach Maria Moore against the current champions, unbeaten for two years and with several Great Britain players in their squad.

Hawks quickly established a five goal-lead but Olympia slowly clawed their way back into the game with two goals from 16-year-old Jess Fowler and one from Athalia Imbanga, 14.

The final ten minutes of the half saw the Cannock team take the lead for the first time but a critical mistake on the whistle allowed Manchester to go into the interval a goal to the good.

Goals from Unsworth and Seriki helped establish a three-goal lead for Hawks, with one in reply from Olivia Gonsalves, 14.

The fierce resistance from Olympia lasted until the final ten minutes when the superior strength and fitness of the much older Hawks enabled them to build an unassailable lead.

Henry backs Wolves in the Championship

Football

AMBITIOUS James Henry is looking for a repeat of his 'double figure' League One stats to fire Wolves to the Premier League next season.

Winger Henry came away from the club's record-breaking title season with the impressive return of 10 goals and 10 assists from 32 League games.

And as the 24-year-old prepares to return to the Championship stage he left in November to join Wolves, the former Reading man is aiming for a similar return at the higher level.

"I managed to get 10 goals and 10 assists in three-quarters of a season but now I want to do that again next year," said Henry.

"I believe in my ability and I want to prove I can do it all again in the Championship and I believe in this team as well.

"We achieved promotion in the first season for a new squad and we're enjoying it but then it's all about next season.

"When the Championship starts up, this will mean nothing.

"We have to make this just a stepping stone for what can hopefully lie ahead." And as he reflected on a magnificent season, Henry echoed head coach Kenny Jackett's determination to challenge for a return to the top flight.

"To play a part in getting us promoted has been an honour but we're not resting on our laurels and none more so than the gaffer," he said.

"He's desperate for us to go again next year and try to get us into the Premier League and I can't see any reason why that isn't an ambition we should all go for.

"Hopefully we can sign a couple of players in the summer and strengthen but the young lads we have got here have plenty of potential and the gaffer has built a very good squad."

Henry insists winning League One needs to be the first part of a successful era for Wolves after achieving their third-tier success in such style, with six club records and two national ones, including 103 points – the best ever at that level.

"None of us want this to be the end of it and we don't just want to be another team in the Championship – we want to do well in the Championship," he said.

Skipper's praise for overseas star Mir

PELSALL captain Danny Pennell has hailed the impact of overseas player Umair Sajid Mir.

The Pakistani all-rounder scored 59 not out, then claimed 4-13 off nine overs as Pelsall beat Coseley by 169 runs.

Mir's innings helped Pelsall declare on 259-4 after 43 overs and his exploits with the ball saw them dismiss Coseley for 90 after 33.4 overs.

"Umair has come over this year and been a breath of fresh air," said Pennell. "He's setting high standards and looks quite a find."

Mir's performance wasn't the only one to catch the eye as Paul Grainger (52), Richard Marsh (85) and Todd Henderson (38) starred with the bat, while Henderson claimed 3-26 off eight overs and Jamie Holmes took 2-12 off 8.4.

"From the top Marshy and Paul Grainger set us off and put us on the right footing, then Umair and Todd took it on to get us to a defendable total," added Pennell.

Pelsall will be unchanged for Saturday's clash with Swindon.

"They have quite a useful attack as well as some useful batters as well so I'm expecting a tough game," said Pennell.

Fleet launches into opponents' bowlers

Cannock 1sts 290-2 Rugeley 1sts 68
Cannock won by 222 runs

RUGELEY won the toss and elected to field. Cannock got off to a great start with an opening stand of 157 between captain Will Fleet and Andy Le Feaver.

Le Feaver eventually fell for 80 but Fleet managed to reach his century off 146 balls.

With the help of a quick fire 68 from Anthony Sams and 24 from Zak Shingler, Cannock posted 290-2 in their 50 overs.

The Rugeley chase never got going and opening bowlers Ed Fleet and Qamar Abbas reduced Rugeley to 45-9.

Ed Fleet taking three wickets and Abbas striking six times, including a hat-trick. Rugeley were eventually dismissed for 68 with Connor Shingler taking the last wicket.

Bloxwich 2nds 88
Cannock 2nds 89-2
Cannock won by 8 wickets

Cannock Seconds visited league leaders Bloxwich and came away with a comfortable eight wicket victory.

Winning the toss and fielding, the Cannock attack soon took control and the regular fall of wickets saw Bloxwich dismissed for just 88, with Nick Bell taking 3-16 and Dan Wood 4-3.

Cannock's reply started briskly and they reached their target after just 23 overs with Dan Wood (38) , Adam Evans (17) and John Cooke (18no) seeing Cannock home.

Cannock 3rds 172-6
Rugeley 2nds 173-3
Rugeley won by 7 wickets

Cannock slipped to a heavy defeat away to league leaders, Rugeley.

Cricket

Losing the toss and being asked to bat, Cannock scored 172 for 6 from their 50 overs with Ian Slym (40), Tom Bull (42) and Ryan Peach (45no) scoring the majority of the runs.

In reply, Cannock's attack wilted in the heat and openers Shaun Brazier (84no) and Darryl Haynes (54) made the most of the conditions to steer Rugeley towards victory. Matt Bull (2-39) was the pick of the Cannock bowlers.

Springhill 2nds 178
Cannock 4ths 122-9
Losing draw Cannock

Cannock 4ths hung on for the losing draw at home to Springhill thanks to a dogged last wicket partnership between veteran Dougie Bell (25no) and Ryan Pearce (12no).

Springhill batted first, scoring 178, with Ryan Pearce cleaning up the tail to finish with 4-27.

Cannock's reply started steadily enough but the fall of skipper Mark Boden for 20 signalled the end of their chances of victory and it was left to Bell and Pearce to secure the losing draw.

Superhero Sevens kitted out to avenge

Rugeley's Sevens squad, Sam Cotter, Dave Bagnall, Matt Joss, Kurt Cameron, Cei Griffin, Jake Graham,

RUGELEY Rugby Club are hoping they have assembled their own squad of 'avengers' as they show off their new kit based on the costume of superhero Captain America.

Rugeley will be playing in a series of Sevens rugby tournaments throughout the summer and start their campaign in the Shropshire Sevens. The club will be hoping to top last summer's performances where they won three trophies including the Wednesbury Sevens title. The striking kits were bought with the support of businesses including A51 Sheds and the Chase Pub.

A51 Shed's Director Miles Blackham, said: "It is great to be able to support a local sports club such as Rugeley. The kit looks really smart."

The Chase Pub also sponsored the shirts and landlord Steve Banks said: "I love the new kit and I hope the lads are very successful this summer. The Chase Pub and its regulars will be cheering them on."

Skipper Jacob Graham said: "I am really grateful for the support of A51 and The Chase Pub. Thanks to them we will be one of the most stylish teams on the Sevens circuit this summer and I am sure some of our opponents will be intimidated taking on a team of superheroes." Rugeley's own Sevens tournament takes place this Saturday at St Augustine's Field.

Be brave, Smith tells Sawyers

ROMAINE SAWYERS has been told he must be braver in the box if he is to realise his Walsall goal potential next term.

The 22-year-old forward, who has signed a two-year deal, hit the net seven times in what was his first campaign of senior football with the Saddlers, having made the move from Albion.

Asked if he can improve, boss Dean Smith said: "It's goalscoring and being braver in the two boxes and braver in taking a chance every now and again. I think can do it."

"He is an intelligent kid. Whenever you sit down with him he knows what you are talking about and he is quite knowledgeable on the game."

Friendly is added to Wolves list

WOLVES have announced their fifth pre-season friendly where they will be taking trip to near neighbours Oxford United on Tuesday, July 29.

They make their first trip to the Kassam Stadium to face Gary Waddock's side, who finished eighth in League Two last season, three days after travelling to Crewe.

The first friendly is at Cheltenham on Friday, July 11 (7.45pm).

Kenny Jackett's squad are also off to Dublin to face Shamrock Rovers on July 14 (8pm) and Bohemians two days later (7.45pm) during their six-day tour of Ireland which will start from Sunday, July 13 to Friday, July 18.

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Smith hoping to make signings

DEAN SMITH has expressed hope of making signings at Walsall by the end of this week.

The Saddlers boss is keen to agree terms with several of his out-of-contract players.

But Smith has also revealed he has talked to several potential targets about moving to the Banks's Stadium in the past week.

"I have been talking to a few of our players whose contracts were up and I'm hopeful to have a couple of them signed up this week," he said.

"I have sat down with a number of targets as well and hopefully toward the end of this week we should have something done."

A centre-forward is top of Smith's agenda this summer, particularly after releasing 16-goal top scorer Craig Westcarr within a week of the season ending.

The Saddlers boss is also negotiating with several key men whose contracts are due to end, the most high-profile being influential captain Andy Butler. James Chambers, Ben Purkiss, Andy Taylor, Jake Heath and Kieron Morris are the others.

Meanwhile, James Baxendale has rejected the notion Walsall might suffer a hangover from this season's late slide next term.

A timely prize for hole in one

A WALSALL golfer has rewarded with a limited-edition BOSS watch after he scored a hole-in-one during a recent club competition.

Philip Read, aged 68, scored his ace on the 147-yard, par-three sixth at Great Barr GC, and the 15-handicapper was rewarded with membership of the exclusive BOSS Watches H1 Club and a specially-commissioned, commemorative timepiece.

The luxury German brand has once again pledged to reward club golfers with an exclusive watch for every hole-in-one recorded during a club competition in 2014 after giving away £600,000 of limited-edition mementoes in 2013 - and Read is among the latest to achieve the feat this year.

The scheme is open to any golfer whose club uses HowDidiDo - a free-to-use, social network for golfers.

Bent and Hutton back from cold at Villa

By Nick Mashiter

VILLA boss Paul Lambert has revealed £24m man Darren Bent will play for the club again. Alan Hutton will also be welcomed back from the cold as Lambert performed a U-turn.

Chairman Randy Lerner is believed to expect all available players to be used as he is reluctant to spend as he looks to sell the club this summer.

Record signing Bent and Hutton were sidelined before being sent out on loan last season.

Charles N'Zogbia was also not expected to be in Lambert's plans even before he suffered a serious Achilles injury last year but will now be considered.

Lambert says he will consider them for selection with his options limited and uncertainty over Villa's power in the transfer market.

"Everyone is even now. Everyone is level, that's what you can do," he said. "It's publicly known what's happened and everyone is on a level playing field. The only uncertainty is the main one – how long does the club take to get sold?"

Bent was loaned to Fulham last season but scored just three goals as the Cottagers were relegated from the Premier League.

He was captain before Lambert stripped him of the armband and he spent most of last season on the bench. Hutton has not played under Lambert since the boss' arrival in 2012 and the boss has admitted the Scotland international was ostracised because of his high wages, around £40,000-a-week.

N'Zogbia missed all of last season after rupturing his Achilles in June although he has recovered and will be fit and available for next season after the club's climb-down. Lambert, who has released Marc Albrighton and Nathan Delfouneso is only likely to have around £15m to spend in the summer but despite the cloud over the club he has no regrets joining.

He said: "No, if it all ended tomorrow you would take an unbelievable experience. It's a brilliant club, the pressure is big and things have happened now but there's always something good to come out of it.

"You make mistakes like everyone else but you learn from them to make sure they don't happen again."

AWARDS NIGHT END TO SEASON

SUPPORTERS, players and officials of Hednesford Town rounded the season off in style with The Pitmen's end of season presentation evening.

With entry free for all supporters, more 100 people packed the Chase Suite at Keys Park to make the night a great success. Tom Thorley won two Player of the Year awards.

He picked up the Supporters Association (SA) and Independent Travel Club trophies.

John Disney was awarded Manager's Player by Rob Smith in recognition of his superb consistency shown all season.

Jamey Osborne was voted as Supporters Player of the Season by fans at Keys Park on match day performances and also Player's Player of the Season as the hardworking midfielder, cruelly ruled out with a shoulder injury for the play-offs, deservedly received recognition.

Outrageous

There was a choice of 16 goals playing on the big screen for Goal of the Season and Danny Glover's outrageous left foot volley against Altrincham in the play-off semi final first leg pipped Elliott Durrell's individual effort against Bradford Park Avenue to the award, much to the amazement of manager Smith.

The Youth Team, so well run by Keith Harley was recognised for another highly successful season. Sam Mills came away with two awards, the Player's Player with Harry Radford the Manager's Player.

Derek Hore received the coveted SA Supporter of the Season award for his sterling work from more than 200 miles away, in proof reading a range of articles for the programme and official website.

Football

Finally, after the sad passing of Sue Pitt, Francino Francis received the Sportsman of the Season award in memory of Ian Pitt's wife, who was a huge fan of Hednesford Town.

Last weekend saw the club's physiotherapist Gavin Blackwell rewarded for his hard work, both on and off the pitch.

He was received the Football Medical Association award, which recognises those who have served 20 years or more in academy and semi-professional football.

He received it at the Football Medical Association awards dinner.Blackwell has notched up more than 2,000 matches in senior non-league, academy and senior Sunday league football .

Since joining Hednesford Town in 2009 Gav has been a familiar face on match days.

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Ian Pitt presents Francino Francis with the Sportsman of the Season award

Ken Leese presents Tom Thorley with the Independent Travel Club Player of the Year award

Scott Smith presents Tom Thorley with Supporters Association Player of the Year

Terry McMahon and Scott Smith collected Del Hore SA Supporter of Season on his behalf

Bowling duo set the pace

CANNOCK captain Will Fleet reckons his pace pair Qamar Abbas and Ed Fleet can see off any Staffs Clubs batsman.

The pair took nine wickets between them in Saturday's ruthless 222-run win against Rugeley, who were bowled out for 68 in just 22.4 overs.

Hawkins recruit Abbas weighed in with 6-22 – finishing with a hat-trick – and Ed Fleet posted figures of 3-36 from 10 overs.

"Qamar has taken four one week and six last Saturday and Ed has a five and a six, " said Will. "That's the luxury of having two such strong opening bowlers.

"On their day I wouldn't back any batsman at this level to get a big score against them.

"I think our opening two are the best in the league."

Will Fleet (100) bagged his first ton as captain, Andrew LeFreaver hit 80 and Anthony Sams smashed an unbeaten 68 off 34 balls as Cannock piled up 290-2.

Joint leaders Cannock go to Aldridge on Saturday and the skipper said: "Aldridge have players who can win a game on their day."

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Lockmen look for new blood

WILLENHALL Town are holding open trials for new players next month.

The trials will be held on Saturday June 28 at Willenhall Memorial Park, from 11am.

Anyone interested should use the Noose Lane car park/entrance.

Email the club at teammanager@wtfcofficial.co.uk

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